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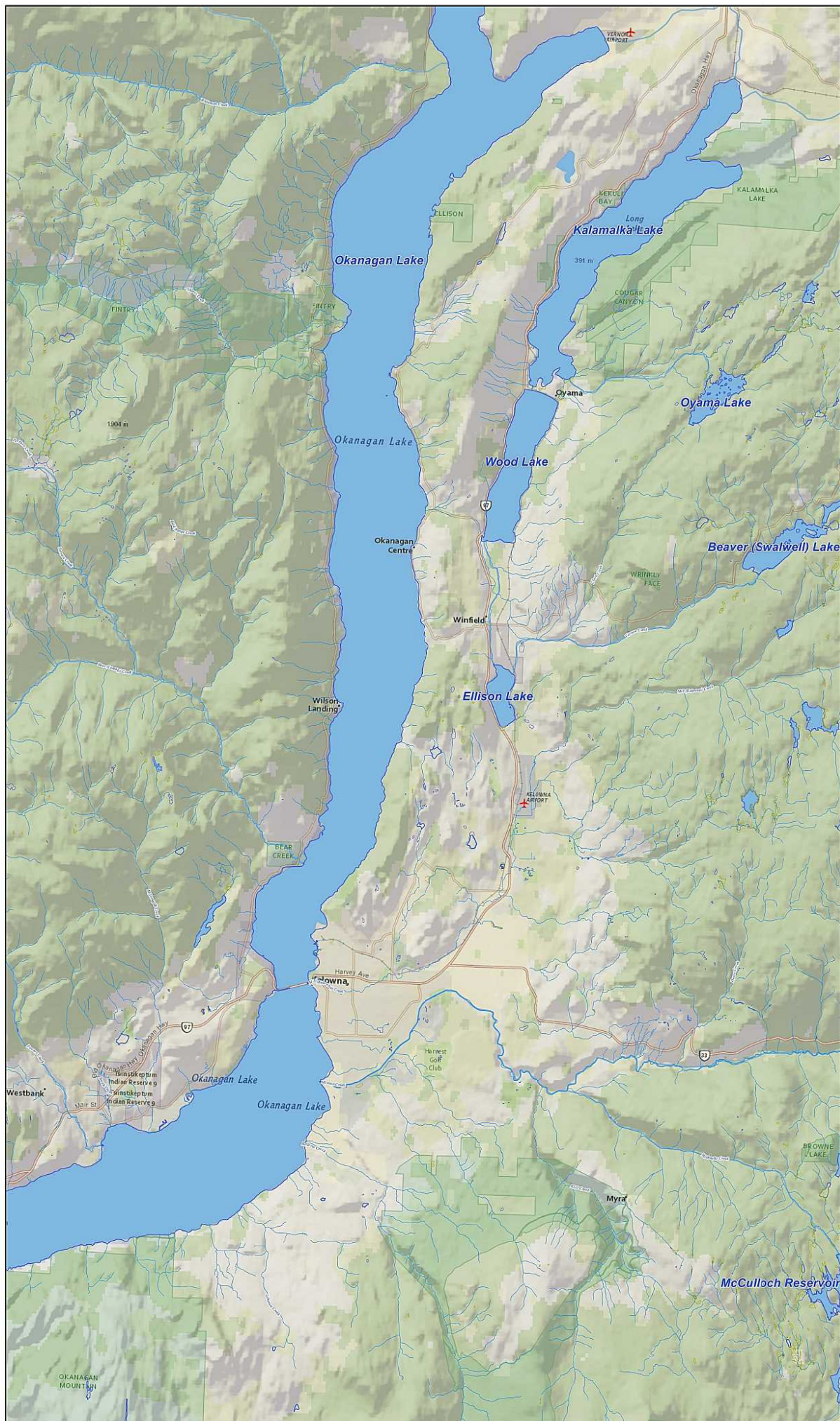


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Introduction

Duck Lake Cemetery with Genealogies and Local History was originally planned as a section in a book called Small Cemeteries and Isolated or Individuals Burials. That book will not be published. It was to be the 10th in a series of books of transcriptions of grave markers in cemeteries in the Central Okanagan. Those original nine books in that series were completed in 2013.

Instead, the focus of this project changed and this planned 10th book has expanded to include genealogies and local history for each of the five small cemeteries and the many isolated burials. These six books now encompass a separate series of books:

1. Duck Lake Cemetery with Genealogies and Local History
2. Glenrosa Cemetery with Genealogies and Local History
3. Hardy Family Cemetery with Hardy Family History and Genealogy
4. Isolated Burials in the Central Okanagan with Genealogies and Local History
5. Mission of the Immaculate Conception and Early Settlement in the Central Okanagan
6. Postill Family Cemetery with Postill Family History and Genealogy

Bob Hayes and I did all the research and writing for these six books. Gwen Neil and I created the index for each book. Carolin Robertson was the photographer.

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This project would not have been attempted if Bob Hayes had not been involved. He is a local historian with a wide range of local information and contacts. His interest in local history started very early and was fostered by his parents. His own family were early pioneers in the Central Okanagan. Bob has been an active member of the Okanagan Historical Society since 1980. Bob's contributions to local history and heritage preservation were recognized in February 2016 when he received the Distinguished Community Service Award from the Central Okanagan Heritage Society. His local knowledge enabled us to contact people for information on some of the pioneers and their families documented in these books.

These books were created to be useful to family historians and those interested in local history. They were not written as an academic study. The sourcing used is not of an academic standard but does indicate where the information can be found. Information found in a paragraph is sourced at the end of that paragraph in the order the facts were presented. For easy reference, we have compiled the list of all the sources at the end of each section or book.

Family members of the people mentioned in these books have been very generous in sharing their family knowledge and photographs. As well, some long-time residents have contributed their stories and insight. We thank them all.

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Duck Lake Cemetery

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Duck Lake, also known as Ellison Lake

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 20 August 2012

Duck Lake Cemetery, a First Nations cemetery, is located at the northwest end of Duck Lake, across Highway 97 from Okanagan Indian Reserve #7. This cemetery is situated on a small knoll, a short distance from Highway 97. Measuring about fifty feet square and enclosed within a picket fence, this cemetery consists of an unknown number of unmarked graves.

Duck Lake Cemetery was the site of burials for the residents of Reserve #7. Burial records for this cemetery have not been located. Reserve #7 falls under the jurisdiction of the Head of the Lake Reserve #1 near Vernon, BC. The Head of the Lake Band Office was contacted but could provide no information about the people buried in this cemetery.

This small Roman Catholic cemetery dates back to the late 1890s, and possibly earlier. Originally, there was a Roman Catholic Church located nearby, later destroyed by fire.

There are at least 20 known burials and two suggested burials in Duck Lake Cemetery. Four well-known local families account for the majority of the burials in this cemetery:

- Bailey family
- McDougall family
- Simpson family
- Steele family

A list of burials in Duck Lake Cemetery follows:

Bailey family

1. Emily Louise Bailey: daughter of David Joseph McDougall and Terese nee Couture; wife of James Alvernie Bailey; born March 10, 1889; died July 3, 1938
2. Alphonse Jerome Bailey: son of James Alvernie Bailey and Emily Louise nee McDougall; born May 10, 1920; died March 19, 1931
3. Nelson Lawrence Bailey: son of James Alvernie Bailey and Emily Louise nee McDougall; born November 3, 1927; died February 2, 1928
4. Bailey infant: child of James Alvernie Bailey and Emily Louise nee McDougall; born and died in May 1934
5. Bailey infant: child of James Alvernie Bailey and Emily Louise nee McDougall; born and died in May 1934
6. Elizabeth Bailey: daughter of James Alvernie Bailey and Emily Louise nee McDougall; born and died May 17, 1935

McDougall family

7. Lavina McDougall: daughter of David Joseph McDougall and Terese nee Couture; dates unknown
8. Johnny McDougall: son of David Joseph McDougall and Terese nee Couture; dates unknown
9. David Samuel McDougall: son of David Joseph McDougall and Terese nee Couture; born c1876; died March 2, 1912
10. Angus Alexander McDougall: son of David Joseph McDougall and Terese nee Couture; born c1893; died April 3, 1930 (Note: a probable burial)
11. Alphonse Bessette: son of Peter Bessette and Virginia nee McDougall; dates unknown
12. Vivian Chartrand: daughter of Alphonsus Peter Chartrand and Virginia nee McDougall; dates unknown

Simpson family

13. Annie Simpson: infant daughter of Thomas Simpson and Eliza Jane Christien; born and died before 1897
14. Mary Simpson: daughter of George Simpson and Clarine nee Antoine; dates unknown
15. Eliza Jane Simpson nee Christien: wife of Thomas Simpson; born c1879; died June 20, 1909 (Note: a probable burial)

Steele family

16. Infant Steele: son of James Steele and Elizabeth Christina nee McDougall; name and dates unknown
17. Infant Steele: son of James Steele and Elizabeth Christina nee McDougall; name and dates unknown
18. Infant Steele: son of James Steele and Elizabeth Christina nee McDougall; name and dates unknown
19. William James Steele: son of William Steele and Maria nee McLean; born and died in 1930
20. Maria Steele nee McLean: wife of William Steele; born c1903; died January 14, 1938

Wilson

21. Enoch Wilson: dates unknown

Other

22. Lazime: no further information

Sources of information about the burials in Duck Lake Cemetery include:

- newspaper article in the June 3, 1992 edition of “The Calendar”, pages 6 and 13
- newspaper article in the March 14, 1912 edition of the “Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist”
- list of burials compiled by Alliss Miller nee Bailey and Norman Steele on May 27, 1992
 1. Alphonse Bessette: date of death unknown
 2. Vivian Chartrand: date of death unknown
 3. Infant son of Elizabeth Steele nee McDougall: date of death unknown
 4. Infant son of Elizabeth Steele nee McDougall: date of death unknown
 5. Infant son of Elizabeth Steele nee McDougall: date of death unknown
 6. William James Steele: born in 1930; date of death unknown
 7. Maria Steele nee McLean: date of death January 13, 1938
 8. Emily Louise Bailey nee McDougall: born March 10, 1889; date of death July 3, 1938
 9. Nelson Lawrence Bailey: date of death February 2, 1928
 10. Alphonse Jerome Bailey: date of death March 19, 1931
 11. Enoch Wilson: date of death unknown
 12. Lavina McDougall: date of death unknown
 13. Johnny McDougall: date of death unknown
 14. Annie Simpson: date of death unknown
 15. Mary Simpson: date of death unknown
- hand-drawn map of Duck Lake Cemetery showing some burial locations, undated
- telephone conversation with Shirley Louis on November 24, 2014

Shirley stated that twin Bailey infants were born and died in May 1934 and were buried in Duck Lake Cemetery. Another Bailey infant, Elizabeth, born and died May 17, 1935, was also buried in Duck Lake Cemetery.
- British Columbia Vital Statistics

An article about Duck Lake Cemetery appeared on pages 6 and 13 of the June 3, 1992 edition of “The Calendar”, published in nearby Winfield, BC:

Tiny Indian graveyard...
by Jack McCarthy

She comes to this place each year as she has for the past 50-odd years to visit the graves of her mother and two brothers and pay her respects to them and others buried there.

The cemetery is small – the size of a garden plot – and is surrounded by a white picket fence with a seven-foot white cross and life-sized wooden sculpture of the Virgin Mary in the centre of the enclosure.

The peaceful graveyard is perched on a sandy hill above and south of Voyager RV on Highway 97 in Winfield and is easily seen by those who travel along that busy road.

Last Saturday, Alliss Miller, a former Winfield resident who now lives in Vernon, was joined by friends and relatives at the Duck Lake Indian Cemetery for a clean-

up of the burial grounds. The 18 adults and numerous children all pitched in to give the old cemetery its annual face lift.

Lawn mowers, weed eaters, pruning shears and a bevy of hand tools are used to groom the area and this year, the fence is painted with an airless spray gun. A portable generator supplies the power to run the compressor and after a couple of hours of hard work, the graveyard is once again "as neat as any in the land."

When the work is completed they gather at the access road by their vehicles for a picnic lunch. Families tied to this place by tradition and family roots that go back to a time long before the white man set foot in this valley.

Norman Steel of Omak, Washington, visits with his three sisters: Irene, Gloria and Tilley...none of them live here but all were raised on the Duck Lake Indian Reserve and went to school here. Their mother, a brother and several uncles are buried here....

The cemetery has approximately 50 people buried in it, according to local natives. Most are natives but it is believed that there are some whites, including Alliss Miller's mother, Emily Louis [Louise] (nee McDougall) Bailey, who was the last person buried there, back in 1938.

According to information researched by *The Calendar* over the past two years, the Indian Cemetery is located on private property. Because it is an Indian burial site, information on the people interred there and control of the cemetery falls under the jurisdiction of the federal Department of Indian Affairs. The Vernon Indian Band is listed as its caretaker.

Alliss Miller, her daughter Barb Marchand and her husband Fergie, son John Miller, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, took part in the clean-up on Saturday. Barb, a noted artist from the Head of the Lake Band at Vernon, sculpted the life-size Virgin Mary from wood about 10 years ago. The sun has turned the sculpture black and Barb hopes to repair the damage done by the sun and then paint it to help preserve the wood. The statue was to have been painted this Tuesday....

It is unclear when the first native was buried in the cemetery, but it could have been sometime between 1859, when the Duck Lake Reserve was allotted, and the 1900s when there were 24 band members residing there. At one time, there was a church on the reserve on the property that is now the Winfield Mobile Home Park. Norman Steel remembers the church was in the old orchard on the reserve but that it burned down. There has been speculation that the cemetery and the church may have evolved about the same time.

Alliss Miller was pleased with the results of Saturday's work party. The annual clean-up has become a family tradition and her whole family helps out each year. The cemetery is again quiet and peaceful, and perhaps that's the reason why the first peoples picked the sandy spot on the hill. Looking south, one can see Duck Lake and valley bottom where today almost 2,000 non-natives live on land leased from the natives. Looking north toward Wood and Kalamalka Lakes, the community of Winfield stretches across the valley and hillsides. It is today, as it undoubtedly was then, a great spot that overlooks a beautiful valley and a place where many choose to make their home.

A probable early burial in Duck Lake Cemetery is Eliza Jane Simpson (nee Christien), who lived at Dry Valley (now Glenmore, part of Kelowna) and died at Duck Lake Reserve on June 20, 1909, age 30 years. She and her husband Thomas Simpson formerly lived on Reserve #7. Since there is no known burial ground in Dry Valley, it is very likely that Eliza Simpson was buried in Duck Lake Cemetery. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13111, Registration #1909-09-201991]*

Although there were burials prior to 1911, no burial records have been located.

An article about Duck Lake Cemetery indicating a 1911 burial is found on page 5 of the Thursday, May 4, 1911 edition of the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist":

Max Major of Okanagan Centre appeared before Magistrate Boyce on Thursday and was fined \$100 and costs, or three months' imprisonment for desecrating the Indian graveyard at Duck Lake by pulling down a crucifix and burning the fence round it.

David Samuel McDougall was murdered in Westbank District on March 2, 1912. His grave was mentioned in the Thursday, March 14, 1912 edition of the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist".

A second probable burial in Duck Lake Cemetery is that of Angus Alexander McDougall who died in Quesnel, BC on April 3, 1930. His BC Death Registration recorded that he was buried in Winfield. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13141, Registration #1930-09-448564]*

According to members of the McDougall and Bailey families, Emily Louise Bailey who died July 3, 1938 was the last person buried in this cemetery.

There may be more burials in Duck Lake Cemetery than are presently known.



Steele family farm on Indian Reserve #7, Duck Lake

Left to right: Terese McDougall (nee Couture), Agnes Stewart (nee McDougall), Gloria Steele (infant), Emily L. Bailey (nee McDougall), Norman Steele, David Joseph McDougall, Irene Steele

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

Duck Lake Cemetery Burials

Duck Lake Cemetery was used for the burial of members of Duck Lake Reserve #7. Burials include members of the **Bailey**, **McDougall**, **Simpson**, and **Steele** families. Information about each of these families follows.

Bailey

There are six known Bailey family burials in Duck Lake Cemetery – Emily Louise Bailey and five of her children:

- **Emily Louise Bailey**: born March 10, 1895; died July 3, 1938
- **Alphonse Jerome Bailey**: born May 10, 1920; died March 19, 1931
- **Nelson Lawrence Bailey**: born November 3, 1927; died February 2, 1928
- **Infant Bailey**: born and died May 1934
- **Infant Bailey**: born and died May 1934
- **Elizabeth Bailey**: born and died May 17, 1935

Emily Louise McDougall was born in Winfield on March 10, 1895 daughter of Okanagan pioneers David McDougall and Terese Christine Couture. On February 10, 1919 in Vernon, BC, she married James Alvernie Bailey son of John Abbott Bailey and Emma Jane Pentecost. Emily Louise Bailey (nee McDougall) died in Kelowna on July 3, 1938. She was buried July 6, 1938 in Winfield. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11390, Registration #1919-09-203067] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13163, Registration #1938-09-545809]*



Emily Louise Bailey nee McDougall



James Alvernie Bailey

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

Emily Louise and James Bailey and their son Alphonse were listed on the 1921 Canada Census in Ellison District. James was 33 years old, emigrated from the USA in 1893 and naturalized in 1897. Emily Louise was 25 years old and Alphonse was 11 months old. *[1921 Canada Census: BC, Yale, South Okanagan; Page 1]*

Emily Louise and James Alvernie Bailey had at least nine children. Five of their children, Alphonse Jerome, Nelson Lawrence, Elizabeth Bailey, and unnamed twin babies are buried in Duck Lake Cemetery.

The twelve children of Emily Louise and James Alvernie Bailey are listed below. Shirley Louis provided information about these children. Names in **bold** indicate burial in Duck Lake Cemetery.

1. **Alphonse Jerome Bailey**: born May 10, 1920 probably in Winfield; died March 19, 1931 age 10 years, 10 months, and 9 days. Cause of death was meningitis. Buried in Winfield [Duck Lake Cemetery] on March 21, 1931. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13143, Registration #1931-09-462784]
2. Laura Margaret Bailey: deceased; married Abraham Alec.
3. Leonard David Bailey: deceased; married Flora McClean.
4. Alliss Marion Bailey: born December 28, 1924 in Kelowna; died February 23, 2013 in Vernon; married Jack Norman Miller. April 10, 1910 in Winnipeg; died April 5, 1991 in Armstrong, BC. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B17150, Registration #1991-09-006570]
5. Della Martha Bailey: born February 11, 1925 in Winfield, BC; died August 18, 1966 in Kelowna; married Peter Alan Jones. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13279, Registration #1966-09-011426]
6. **Nelson Lawrence Bailey**: born November 3, 1927 at Clarks Creek, Ellison, BC; died at Clarks Creek on February 2, 1928 age 3 months. Cause of death was pneumonia and appendicitis. Buried in Winfield [Duck Lake Cemetery] on February 5, 1928. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13124, Registration #1928-09-408307]
7. Leo Maxum Bailey: born December 17, 1928 in Kelowna; died December 28, 1990 in Kelowna; married Frances Eberley. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B17147, Registration #1990-09-023225]
8. Edith Myrtle Bailey: married 1) Mickey McDermott 2) Arnold Schultz
9. Mary Jeanette Bailey: deceased; married 1) Alec Pratch 2) Walter Gimmel
10. **Bailey twin**: born and died May 1934; buried in Duck Lake Cemetery
11. **Bailey twin**: born and died May 1934; buried in Duck Lake Cemetery
12. **Elizabeth Bailey**: born and died May 17, 1935; buried in Duck Lake Cemetery



Emily Louise Bailey with her children, c1936

Back row left to right: Alliss, Laura, Leonard
 Middle row: Della
 Front row left to right: Leo, Edith, Emily Louise, Mary

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

Emily Louise Bailey's obituary appeared on page 6 of the Thursday, July 7, 1938 edition of the "Kelowna Courier":

Winfield Woman
Buried Wednesday

The death occurred early Sunday morning of Mrs. Emily Louise Bailey, of Winfield. Funeral service was held on Wednesday morning from the Kelowna Catholic Church with Rev. Father McKenzie officiating. The late Mrs. Bailey was a daughter of the late Mrs. Christine McDougall, who at the time of her death on June 21, 1938, was considered the oldest Valley-born resident in the Okanagan being then 80 years old. Mrs. Bailey leaves, besides her husband and family, two sisters Mrs. [Virginia] Chartrand, Kelowna, and Mrs. [Julia] Derickson, Westbank.

The following obituary appeared on page 6 of the Tuesday, February 17, 1959 edition of the "Kelowna Daily Courier":

BAILEY – Passed away at his home, Bailey Rd., Winfield, James Alvin [Alvernie] Bailey. Mr. Bailey was 69 years old. Mr. Bailey has lived in the Okanagan for 67 years and at one time had the blacksmith shop at the south of Kelowna. Requiem mass will be held at St. Edwards Church, Winfield, on Wed., at 10 a.m. Father Kinney of Vernon the Celebrant, with interment in Lakeview Memorial Park. Surviving are two sons, Leon and Leonard; five daughters, Edith, Mary, Alice, Della, and Laura, 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Day's Funeral Service Ltd., is in charge of arrangements.

Additional information about the Bailey family is found on page 101 of "Kelowna Street Names – Their Origins – A Brief History":

James Alvernie "Jim" Bailey was born in Oregon in 1889, and came to Canada with his parents in 1891. They settled at Westwold [BC]. In 1919, at Vernon, he married Emily Louise McDougall, who was born in the Winfield district in 1895, a member of the pioneer McDougall family. They settled in Winfield, where Jim Bailey worked as a farmer. He also had a blacksmith shop in Kelowna. Emily Bailey died at Kelowna in 1938 aged 43. She was buried at Winfield. Jim Bailey died at Winfield in 1959, aged 69. He was buried in Lakeview Memorial Park. Jim and Emily had a large family, including Leon [Leo], Leonard, Edith, Mary, Alice, Della, and Laura.

Jim Bailey Road in Lake Country is named after this pioneer.

Bailey Family History

John Abbott Bailey, his wife Emma Jane (nee Pentecost) and their three children James A., William, and Phoebe came to the Central Okanagan Valley in 1894. They settled in what became Westbank, now part of West Kelowna. At this point, John's older half-brother, George Collins, was already in the Okanagan.

About 1896, John Abbott Bailey brought his parents, John Ward Bailey and Harriet (nee Wilkerson), to the Central Okanagan. John Abbott Bailey's sister, Mary Elizabeth, and her husband William Milton Lewis travelled with them to the Okanagan. The members of the Bailey family were some of the earliest pioneers in what is now West Kelowna.



The John Abbott Bailey family, c1902
In front of Harriet and John Ward Bailey's house,
Westbank, BC

Left to right: Bill, Phoebe, John Abbott holding Wesley, Clara, Harriet holding Aaron, Jim

Photo Credit: Clara Clark Hallam (nee Bailey)

Information about the Bailey family is found in an undated, transcribed document received by Bob Hayes from Clara Clark Hallam nee Bailey:

As told by William I. Bailey [son of John Abbott Bailey and Emma Jane Pentecost]

I can remember things that my Grandpa (John Warden [Ward] Bailey) told me about their past. Grandma (Harriet) was first married to a Mr. Collins before the Civil War. They had a boy, George and a girl, Phoebe. They lived on a small piece of farmland in the South. They had just filled their cellar full of all kinds of vegetables for the winter when the War broke out. "I think it was the North & South War when they fought to free the slaves". The Confederates took Mr. Collins off to fight in the War. Then the "bushwackers" (deserted rebels) came in later and took everything the family had; bedding, food, and the winter wood. Grandma said she left taking only what she could carry to eat and drink, and warm blankets.

She then struck out on foot going North with her two children. She had to carry little Phoebe most of the way across the miles of Prairie. The first night as darkness came closing in the wolves began to howl and "bunch up on them". She saw a little black spot ahead in the distance and hurried to it. It was a little hutch on stilts with a trap-door and a ladder to get to it. They got in just in time while the wolves kept jumping up at them. The wolves howled around the hutch for several

hours. By daylight it was safe, so she continued her journey. They found several of these little hutches built for the travelers crossing the prairie.

After a long journey they came to a small town in Kansas. Little Phoebe had become ill and Grandma lost her. In this town Grandma found some work and a place for her and George to live. While living here she met John Warden [Ward] Bailey who was a Confederate messenger. He was the one who delivered the news that her husband was killed in the war. Later the two of them were married after his discharge from the Army. They homesteaded in Junction City, Kansas where two children were born, John and Mary. Nine years later in 1879, the family with their three children set out for Oregon in a covered wagon following the Oregon Trail, reaching Lodge Canyon, Oregon in August of that year. On the trail they were forced to defend themselves against three Indian attacks. On account of constant Indian raids they had to remain behind the palisades of the Fort for three months.

Later they continued their trek, and settled at Summerville, Oregon where the men operated a stone quarry. As young John A. grew up there, stone-cutting became his trade (a trade that was to serve him well in the Okanagan Valley of B.C., Canada). On Dec. 26, 1886, John A. married Emma Jane Pentecost. Three children were born to them in Summerville: Jim, William, and a girl they named Phoebe.

In 1895, the John A. Bailey family migrated from Summerville to Canada to join his brother George. With his parents, John and Harriet, they traveled in covered wagons through the Wallowa high-country, down the long switch-backs to the Grande Ronde River. Then up & over to "Jawbone Flats" (now Clarkston, WA) located across the river from Lewiston, Idaho. It took two weeks to cover this rugged terrain. (Today it takes two & a half hrs.)

John A. Bailey left his parents at Jawbone Flats with his sister and her husband, Mary and Bill Lewis. Bill Lewis was laying track for the Walla Walla railroad to Lewiston, Idaho. John A. Bailey's family then continued the trek north to Okanagan Valley of British Columbia, enduring many hardships on the way. The Baileys were the third white settlers to arrive there [now Westbank, part of West Kelowna]. Their fourth child, Clara, was the first white baby born there.

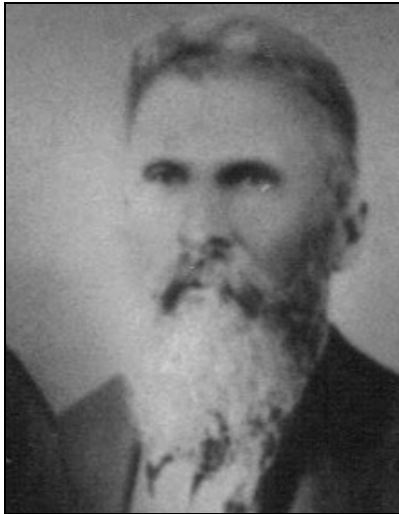
After two years in the Okanagan Valley, he returned across the Border to bring his parents, his sister and her husband (Bill Lewis) with him to British Columbia. All the families settled on the west side of Okanagan Lake which later became the town of Westbank, (near Peachland). At the turn of the century they moved across the lake to South Kelowna and Winfield to make their home. In 1904 they traveled to Oregon in covered wagons, but this time by way of Walla Walla to visit Emma's family, the Pentecosts. The purpose of this long trip was to attend a family wedding (Norman Pentecost) in "Uncle" Phillips' home.

Grandpa John W. Bailey with his son worked at many stone masonry jobs in the Kelowna area. Many of these buildings are still standing today. He was also a school teacher and "very English". He was buried beside his wife at Peachland. William I. Bailey remembers "Grandma Harriet's" burial. The casket was ferried over the lake from Kelowna. From the lake the family had to walk several miles behind the democrat wagon that carried the casket up the long steep hill to the Peachland Pioneer Graveyard.

John Ward Bailey and Harriet Collins (nee Wilkerson) Family

John Ward Bailey: born c1823 in Woodbury, Vermont, son of Aaron Bailey who served in the American War of Independence; died March 31, 1905 in the Okanagan Valley; married Harriet Collins nee Wilkerson c1864 in Kansas. [*Daily Colonist*, Sunday, January 14, 1979, pages 12 and 13] [*Kelowna Clarion*, Thursday, April 6, 1905, page 1]

Harriet Collins nee Wilkerson: born c1839 Missouri; died c1900, probably in the Okanagan Valley; married 1) Jonathan Collins in 1854, 2) John Ward Bailey c1864. [1870 US Census: Davis, Davis, Kansas, Roll M593_431; Page 469B] [*Kelowna Clarion*, Thursday, April 6, 1905, page 1]



John Ward Bailey



Harriet Bailey (formerly Collins nee Wilkerson)

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

On the 1870 US Census, John and Harriet Bailey and family were living in Junction City, Davis County, Kansas. [1870 US Census: Davis, Davis, Kansas, Roll M593_431; Page 469B]

Bailey, John W.	age 47	born Vermont	farmer
Bailey, Harriet	age 31	born Missouri	
Bailey, John A.	age 5	born Kansas	
Bailey, Mary	age 3	born Kansas	
Collins, George	age 11	born Arkansas	

The John Ward Bailey family travelled to Oregon in 1879 and settled at Summerville. In 1896, they moved to British Columbia where family had previously settled. Harriet died within a few years. John Ward and Harriet Bailey are both buried in Peachland Cemetery in unmarked graves.

Harriet's earlier marriage to Jonathan Collins took place on August 18, 1854 in Lawrence County, Missouri. Jonathan Collins was born c1835 in Indiana. [1860 US Census: Prairie, Newton, Arkansas, Roll M653_46; Page 976]

Harriet and Jonathan Collins had two children:

- **Phoebe Collins:** born c1858 in Arkansas; died young in Kansas.
- **George Milton Collins:** born c1859 in Little Rock, Arkansas; likely died July 8, 1917 in Douglas Lake, BC; married Louisa Richards on December 21, 1908 in Kelowna. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11386, Registration #1908-09-166341] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13112, Registration #1917-09-208719]

Louisa Richards: born c1870 in Lowyn, Wales, daughter of Benjamin Richards and Elizabeth Morris.

George and Louisa Collins appeared on the 1911 Canada Census in Westbank, BC. No children were listed. Louisa's brother Thomas Richards was with them. Neighbours were members of the McDougall family. [1911 Canada Census: BC, Yale-Cariboo, Okanagan; P. 8]

Okanagan historian, Dorothy Hewlett-Gellatly, wrote about the Bailey family in an article entitled, "Pioneering in Okanagan". ["Daily Colonist", Sunday, January 14, 1979, pages 12 and 13]

It was from Summerville [Oregon] that George Collins (who as a lad had escaped with his mother from the rebels) was persuaded to link up with the Shannon Marshall family from Union County [Oregon], to travel north to Okanagan Valley, and so enthusiastic were they over the climate of this new land, that George wrote back, urging his step-father [John Ward Bailey] to sell everything and come to the new land of plenty, which the family finally did in 1895. By that time John Abbot had married Emma Jane Pentecost, and was raising a young family.

John Ward Bailey and Harriet Collins (nee Wilkerson) had two children:

- **John Abbott Bailey:** born December 7, c1864 in Junction City, Kansas; died April 17, 1960 in Vernon, BC; married Emma Jane Pentecost on December 26, 1886 in Union County, Oregon. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13246, Registration #1960-09-005374] [Western States Marriage Index. Brigham Young University-Idaho]

See further information about John Abbott Bailey and family below.

- **Mary Elizabeth Bailey:** born July 22, c1866 in Kansas; died July 21, 1927 in Kelowna; married William F. Lewis born July 12, 1864 USA. They had a daughter Marion H.V. Lewis born April 2, 1894 USA. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13132, Registration #1927-09-391659] [1901 Canada Census: BC, Yale & Cariboo, Greenwood City; Page 14]

The following obituary appeared in the Thursday, July 28, 1927 edition of the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", page 4:

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lewis

By the death of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lewis, who passed away at the Kelowna General Hospital last Thursday, July 21st, at the age of sixty-two years, the district suffered the loss of an old-time resident.

A native of Kansas, Mrs. Lewis was married to Mr. Wm. Lewis, who survives her, at Fort Vancouver, Washington, and came to B.C. shortly afterwards, settling in the Okanagan thirty-three years ago. After ranching in various portions of the district, she and Mr. Lewis bought their present property on Coronation Avenue, where they resided over five years. Her health had been failing for some time past and the end came quickly.

The funeral service was conducted by Mr. G. Thornber at the undertaking parlours of the Kelowna Furniture Company on Friday afternoon, and was largely attended. The pall bearers were: Messrs. J. Lang, R. Pearson, J. Priest, E. Clement, J. Fritz and Dr. A.W. Lehman. Interment was at the Kelowna Cemetery.

In this province Mrs. Lewis is survived by only one relative, her brother, Mr. John Bailey, of this city.

Additional information about John Ward Bailey comes from documents provided by Marjorie Selody of the Falkland Historical Society, Falkland, BC.

- Private John W. Bailey served in E Company, 2nd Regiment of the Colorado Cavalry. He enrolled on August 30, 1862; his place of birth listed as "Woobury" [Woodbury?], Vermont. [*American Civil War discharge paper: Fort Riley, Kansas, June 16, 1865*]
- On August 10, 1891 John W. Bailey was awarded a pension of \$10 per month for his service in the American Civil War. [*United States of America, Bureau of Pensions document*]

John Ward Bailey's obituary appeared in the Thursday, April 6, 1905 edition of the "Kelowna Clarion", page 1:

Obituary

Once more we are called upon to chronicle the passing away of one of the earliest settlers in this part of the Okanagan, in the person of Mr. John Bailey, who died on Friday last, 31st ult. at the home of his son John [John Abbott Bailey who was living at Winfield, BC]. Deceased was eighty-three years of age and was respected by all who knew him. He had had a great deal of experience in various parts of eastern Canada and the United States, following for many years his trade as compositor, and coming to this district about ten years ago, where he resided with his son at Westbank. The funeral took place on Sunday, the remains being conveyed, by the steamer Kelowna, to Hall's Landing, and from there to the Peachland cemetery where the deceased's wife, who died some years ago, was buried.

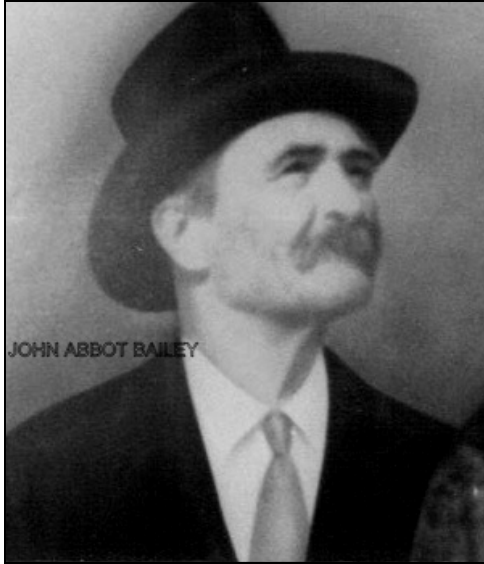
John Abbott Bailey and Emma Jane Pentecost Family

John Abbott Bailey: born December 7, c1864 in Junction City, Kansas; died April 17, 1960 in Vernon, BC; married Emma Jane Pentecost on December 26, 1886 in Union County, Oregon. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13246, Registration #1960-09-005374*] [*Western States Marriage Index. Brigham Young University-Idaho*]

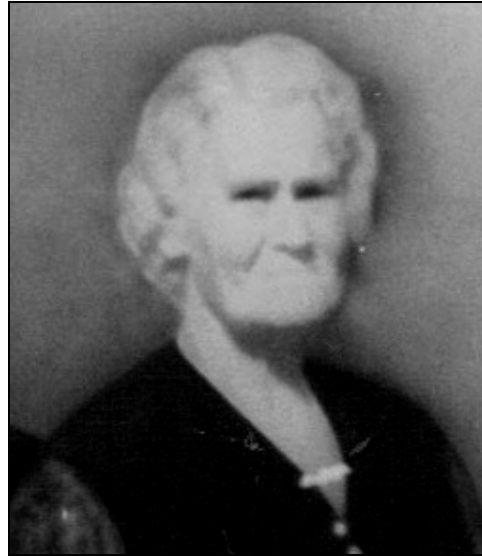
Emma Jane Pentecost: born August 7, 1869 in Iowa; died June 22, 1944 in Falkland, BC. [*1870 US Census: Subdivision 2, Clay, Dakota Territory, Page 52A*] [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13183, Registration #1944-09-645928*]

Emma Jane Pentecost's parents were Ingham W. Pentecost (January 18, 1843 – July 11, 1910) and Cecelia Kneeshem (June 12, 1850 – September 17, 1899), both born in New York. They married September 4, 1867 in Winneshiek County, Iowa. In 1870, they were recorded in Vermillion, Dakota Territory. By 1880, they were in Summerville, Oregon. Both Ingham and Cecelia Pentecost are buried in Summerville Cemetery, Union County, Oregon. [*Find a Grave website www.findagrave.com*] [*Iowa, Select Marriages, 1809-1992*] [*1870 US Census: Subdivision 2, Clay, Dakota Territory; Page 52A*] [*1880 US Census: Summerville, Union, Oregon; Page 128B*]

John Abbott Bailey and Emma Jane Pentecost and their three children – James, William, and Phoebe – immigrated to Canada about 1894, and settled on the west side of Okanagan Lake, near present-day West Kelowna. More children were born to Emma Jane and John Abbott Bailey after they arrived in British Columbia.



John Abbott Bailey



Emma Jane Bailey (nee Pentecost)

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

The 1901 Canada Census listed John and Emma Bailey with six children in the Westbank area. This census indicated that the family immigrated in 1894. *[1901 Canada Census: BC, Yale & Cariboo, Yale East; Page 3]*

Bailey, A. John	head	born Dec. 7, 1864	USA	farmer
Bailey, Emma	wife	born Aug. 7, 1869	USA	
Bailey, James	son	born Dec. 24, 1888	USA	
Bailey, William	son	born Feb. 18, 1891	USA	
Bailey, Phoebe	daughter	born Feb. 13, 1894	USA	
Bailey, Clara	daughter	born Apr. 1, 1896	BC	
Bailey, Wesley	son	born Nov. 8, 1898	BC	
Bailey, Aaron	son	born Feb. 12, 1891 [1901]	BC	



Bailey family home at Westbank, BC

Photo Credit: Clara Clark Hallam (nee Bailey)

Clara Hallam described the above photograph: "This was the family house at Westbank with a double stove fireplace in the partition that Dad made. We could build a fire from either side or have a fire in each room at the same time if it was real cold. In later years it was used for a shed or shop, I don't know what."

According to an article on page 110 in the "Twenty-fourth Report" of the Okanagan Historical Society, in 1904 the Bailey family moved to Winfield, BC. John Bailey was farming at this time.

The 1911 Canada Census listed John and Emma Bailey family with 10 children, living near Wood Lake in Winfield, BC. The eldest daughter Phoebe married Rolley Newton Rice and they had twin children, Minnie and Lorne Rice. [1911 Canada Census: BC, Yale-Cariboo, Okanagan; Pages 21 and 22]

Bailey, John	head	born Dec.1864	age 46	USA	farmer
Bailey, Emma	wife	born Aug.1868	age 42	USA	
Bailey, James	son	born Dec.1888	age 22	USA	farm labourer
Bailey, William	son	born Jan. 1891	age 20	USA	farm labourer
Rice, Phoebe	daughter	born Feb. 1894	age 17	USA	
Bailey, Clara	daughter	born Apr. 1896	age 15	BC	
Bailey, Wesley	son	born Nov. 1898	age 12	BC	
Bailey, Aaron	son	born Jan. 1901	age 10	BC	
Bailey, Harvey	son	born Apr. 1903	age 8	BC	
Bailey, Zettie [Rose Zetta]	daughter	born May 1905	age 6	BC	
Bailey, Lottie	daughter	born May 1907	age 4	BC	
Bailey, Christopher	son	born Feb. 1911	age 3/12	BC	
Rice, Minnie	granddaughter	born Sep. 1910	age 8/12	BC	
Rice, Lorne	grandson	born Sep. 1910	age 8/12	BC	

In a telephone conversation on November 24, 2014, Shirley Louis provided dates of birth of John and Emma Bailey's children:

- James Alvernie Bailey: born December 24, 1889
- William Bailey: born January 18, 1891
- Phoebe Bailey: born February 13, 1894
- Clara Bailey: born April 1, 1896
- Wesley Bailey: born November 8, 1898
- Aaron Bailey: born January 3, 1901
- Harvey Bailey: born April 5, 1903
- Zettie Bailey: born May 24, 1905
- Lottie Bailey: born May 21, 1907
- Christopher Bailey: born February 3, 1911



Bailey family, unknown date, probably Falkland, BC
Emma Bailey (nee Pentecost) in white coat, John Abbott Bailey (at right end of front row in peaked cap), Christopher Bailey (directly behind John Abbott Bailey), James Alvernie Bailey in middle row with striped tie
Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

More information about the Bailey family is found in the undated, transcribed document of the Bailey family history as told by William I. Bailey:

His [John Ward Bailey's] son, John Abbot Bailey and his wife Emma, had twelve children in all. He built a large log cabin in the Winfield area for his family and also helped with many other settlers' homes. He also installed a large irrigation system at Fintry out of Powers Creek [Shorts Creek] – the first of its type in the Okanagan. He served in World War I, fighting in the trenches of France. After returning home from service he lost his leg when working in the logging industry. (The peg-leg never slowed him down.) He became a well-known carpenter, building a new home in his later years at Westwold, (near Falkland) where he had a shoe repair shop in the back of his home. He enjoyed making chairs, cradles, and wooden skis for his grandchildren. In 1935 he drew the plans and supervised the structure of Falkland Community Hall. The following year he and Emma celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in that hall.

Emma died at 76 and John lived to the age of 94 (1960). Being an avid baseball fan, his biggest thrill was that he lived to see the World Series on TV! A span of life that took him as a kid traveling in covered wagons on the Oregon Trail to automobiles, (airplanes) and TV Screens.

A detailed article, "Pioneering in Okanagan" appeared in the Sunday, January 14, 1979 edition of the "Daily Colonist" (Victoria, BC), pages 12 and 13. It relates Clara (Bailey) Hallam's remembrances of growing up in the Okanagan Valley. Selected portions follow:

Clara [Bailey] was born on the west side of Okanagan Lake, soon to be named Westbank and among her earliest memories are the myriad of wild flowers growing all about them; buttercups and yellowbells, sunflowers, mariposa and chocolate lilies and – a host of others.

Another memory is her first taste of cherries, a treat that came their way while her father was remodelling the well-known Guisachan home, near Kelowna, occupied at that time by a Mr. and Mrs. Morrison. The later suggested that Mr. Bailey bring his family across the lake one day, and Clara says: "How we looked forward to that outing, and how well I remember Dad hitching up the team early one morning, to drive us the long way to Siwash Point, or the Narrows, as the crossing was often called, and where there always seemed to be a rowboat around when it was needed...and such a thing as a bridge was unheard of.

"From Siwash Point (at the western end of Okanagan Lake Bridge) Dad rowed us across to the point of what someday would be Kelowna's city park, but was only a swamp then. He carried Mother over the bad spots, but we jumped, and finally, after a long walk, we all arrived at Guisachan. There we had a lovely meal – or maybe it was two – and those cherries. We girls would hold out our pinafores for Katie Morrison to drop those fat cherries in. It was the very first time I had ever tasted cherries, and oh, how luscious they were."...

Clara was born in the old "Goldie" house at Westbank, built in the late 1880s by Robert Goldie, who planted an orchard as early as 1891. Still occupied today, its original log walls covered with siding, it is the oldest house in Westbank, with the exception of the original log walls of Susan Allison's Okanagan home at Sunnyside.... [Note: This home is still in existence in 2015 in the 3400 block of Elliott Road]

"It was really our mothers who were the pioneers," Clara continued, "for they had to stay home and take charge of everything: grow the garden, milk the cows,

make the butter and look after the home as well as the stock, seldom getting out to see another woman. And in many cases there wasn't another woman around for miles. Months would pass without their seeing a neighbor, while as for going to the store – there just wasn't any unless we went to town, in our case, Kelowna, and that only happened once in a very long time.

"For hunting, Dad made his own bullets and we used to help him – or think we did," Clara went on, adding: "In those days tea always came in lead packages, and Mother always saved that lead. Dad had an old iron frying-pan with which he'd melt the lead, after which he'd pour it into the bullet molds and tamp the powder in.

"That way he'd refill empty cartridges or buy new ones and fill them. And of course there were no game laws in those days, so we had only to go out and shoot a deer when meat was needed. Or if we fancied game birds, there were plenty of grouse; I've seen the birch trees gray with them in spring.

Additional information about John Abbott and Emma Jane Bailey comes from documents provided by Marjorie Selody of the Falkland Historical Society, Falkland, BC.

- John Abbott Bailey became a naturalized British subject on June 10, 1898 having resided in Canada for four years. *[Certificate of Naturalization, Dominion of Canada, Province of British Columbia, June 10, 1898]*
- John Abbott Bailey enlisted on December 27, 1915 and served as a private in France with the 172nd Battalion, Canadian Overseas Expedition Force in the First World War. His military number was 687541. He was discharged at Victoria, BC on June 11, 1918 "having been found medically unfit for further service". *[Canadian Overseas Expedition Force Discharge Certificate, June 11, 1918]*
- Emma Jane Bailey nee Pentecost died June 22, 1944 at Kamloops, BC. An obituary which appeared in a local newspaper was provided by the Falkland Historical Society. *[Photocopy of obituary from unknown newspaper]*

Buried in Falkland Cemetery
Last Rites for
Mrs. J.A. Bailey

Falkland, June 28. – Release, after years of illness, came on Thursday, June 22, to Mrs. John A. Bailey at the Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops. Seventy-six years old this year, recent months increased the frequency and severity of heart attacks. Rev. W. Selder, of Enderby, conducted the funeral service on Monday afternoon, June 26, at the Community Hall, the remains being interred in the Falkland cemetery. Winter and Winter, of Vernon, were in charge of arrangements.

Born Emma Jane Pentecost in Winachee County, Iowa, August 7, 1869, Mrs. Bailey had a life rich in pioneering experiences and dangers. When she was two years of age, the family left Iowa for Dakota, later moving to Summerville, Oregon, by covered wagon in the days of the Indian unrest. For some time they were confined to the fort near their new home. At Summerville on December 26, 1886, she was married to John Abbot Bailey, three of their children being American-born.

In 1895 the family settled at Westbank, again travelling by covered wagon. Seven years later transfer was made to a home near Okanagan Mission that they might find school advantages for the children. In 1904 there was a further

migration, returning to Westbank to sell the property at that point and then settling at Winfield. From Winfield they moved in 1920 to Ewing's Landing, where, after two years, they moved on to Westwold and Falkland. At Falkland in 1936 their golden wedding anniversary was celebrated in the community hall.

Surviving are her husband, three sisters in the United States, 10 children, 39 grandchildren and [?] great grandchildren. The children include six sons, James, of Winfield; William, of Lathrop, Calif.; Aaron, of Westwold; Wesley, Harvey and Christopher, of Falkland and four daughters, Mrs. Phoebe Emmerson, of Fruitvale, Idaho; Mrs. Clara Clark and Mrs. Rosetta Smith, of Falkland; and Mrs. [obituary cut off] [Charlotte who married 1) Walter Smith and 2) Martin Erickson].

John Abbott Bailey's obituary appeared in the May 20, 1960 edition of the "Kelowna Courier" and was quoted on page 110 of the "Twenty-fourth Report" of the Okanagan Historical Society:

A man who brought his family from Oregon to Westbank by covered wagon, John Abbott Bailey, died recently at Vernon in his 95th year.

The old "Goldie" house occupied by the Baileys on their arrival at Hall's Landing, as Westbank was then known, still stands. Born in Kansas, December 7, 1865, John Bailey travelled by covered wagon to Oregon when he was eight. In 1885 he married Emma Jane Pentecost and 10 years later, with their three children, they set out for the Okanagan, arriving at Hall's Landing early in December, one of the first half-dozen families in that west-side district. Three children were born there. Pre-empting land, Mr. Bailey built a home, later known as the "Faulkner place", and worked as a carpenter and stonemason around Kelowna. In 1910 he cut the stone for the building of St. Michael and All Angels' Church at Kelowna. He also installed an irrigation system at Fintry. The family moved to Winfield in 1904, and Mr. Bailey later saw service in World War I in France. Returning home, he lost a leg in a logging accident at South Kelowna, but continued his trade of carpentry to which he now added shoe-repairing, living at Falkland, where in 1935 he drew the plans for and supervised the building of the Community Hall.

Mrs. Bailey pre-deceased in 1944; a son and daughter also pre-deceased, leaving five sons and three daughters, 39 grandchildren, 100 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Emily Louise Bailey nee McDougall (March 10, 1895 - July 3, 1938), John Abbott Bailey's daughter-in-law, is buried in Duck Lake Cemetery. Five of Emily Louise and James Alvernie Bailey's children are also buried in this cemetery:

- **Alphonse Jerome Bailey:** May 10, 1920 - March 19, 1931
- **Nelson Lawrence Bailey:** November 3, 1927 - February 2, 1928
- **Bailey twins:** May 1934 - May 1934
- **Elizabeth Bailey:** May 17, 1935 - May 17, 1935

James Alvernie Bailey (December 24, 1889 - February 15, 1959) is buried in Lakeview Memorial Park Cemetery, Kelowna.



Left to right: Laura Bailey, Alliss Bailey, Della Bailey, c1944

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

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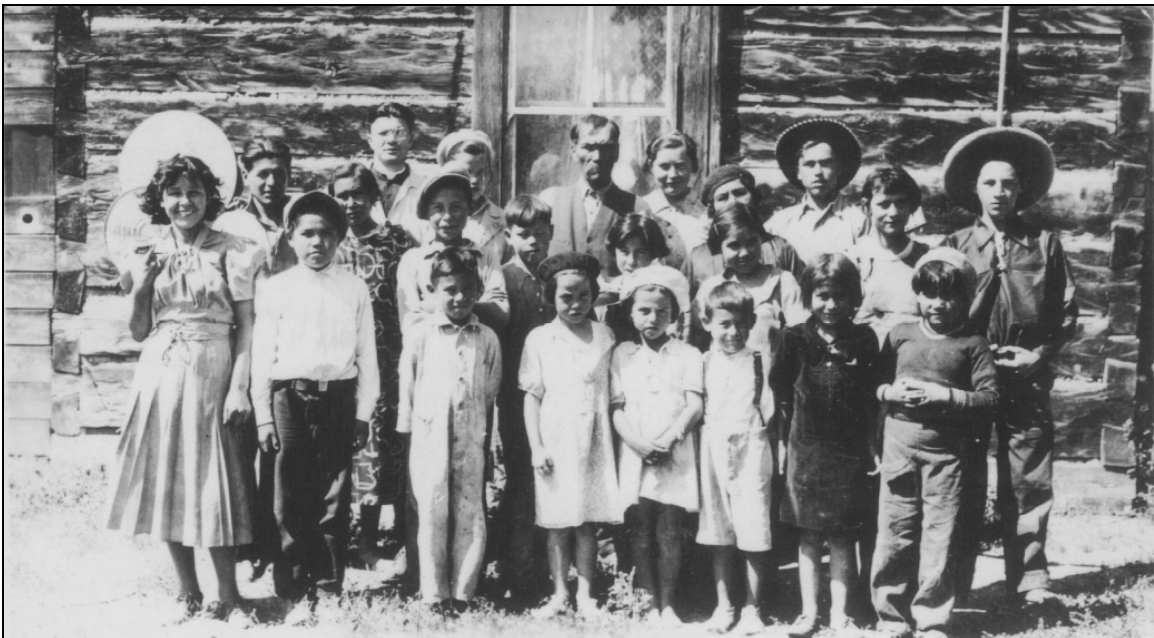
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Members of the Bailey, Simpson, and Steele families

Back row, left to right: Father Murray, Alliss Bailey, Victor Borrie, Laura Bailey, Sarah Borrie (nee Simpson),
Len Bailey (wearing hat)

Middle row, left to right: George Simpson, Clarine Simpson (nee Antoine), Ernest Simpson (wearing hat),
Leo Bailey, Susan or Isabelle Simpson, Irene Steele, Della Bailey, Clarence Borrie (wearing hat)

Front row, left to right: Maggie Simpson, Norman Steele, Herbie Simpson, Edith Bailey, Mary Bailey,
Raymond Simpson (wearing suspenders), Susan or Isabelle Simpson, Gloria Steele

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

McDougall

Five children of Okanagan pioneers David Joseph McDougall and Terese Couture are probably buried in Duck Lake Cemetery:

- **David Samuel McDougall:** born c1876; died March 2, 1912
- **Angus Alexander McDougall** (a probable burial): born c1893; died April 3, 1930
- **Emily Louise Bailey** (nee McDougall): born March 10, 1895; died July 3, 1938
- **Lavina McDougall:** dates not known
- **Johnny McDougall:** dates not known

Two grandchildren of David Joseph McDougall and Terese Couture are buried in Duck Lake Cemetery. These were the children of Virginia, David and Terese McDougall's daughter:

- **Alphonse Bessette:** dates not known
- **Vivian Chartrand:** dates not known



Left to right: David Joseph McDougall, Terese McDougall (nee Couture), Emily Louise Bailey (nee McDougall), unknown woman, unknown man

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

McDougall Family History

John Baptiste McDougall and Amelia Topa and their family are among the earliest settlers in the Central Okanagan. Five of their grandchildren are probably buried in Duck Lake Cemetery:

- **Angus Alexander McDougall:** born c1896; died April 3, 1930
- **David Samuel McDougall:** born c1876; died March 2, 1912
- **Emily Louise Bailey nee McDougall:** born March 10, 1895; died July 3, 1938
- **Lavina McDougall:** dates unknown
- **Johnny McDougall:** dates unknown

John Baptiste McDougall was born at Fort Garry, Manitoba c1828. According to Shirley Louis, one of his great great granddaughters, John McDougall's father was born in Quebec of Scottish descent. John McDougall's mother was born in what is now western Canada. After a number of years in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company and extensive travelling in western Canada and the USA, the McDougall family settled in the Central Okanagan in 1861.

According to Shirley Louis, McDougall family historian and author, John McDougall and Amelia Topa had 10 sons, the first six probably born before the family settled in the Okanagan Valley. Information about these sons is found in Canada Census records, BC Vital Statistics, and Shirley Louis' book, "We Heard It in the Bushes", a history of her McDougall family.

John Baptiste McDougall and Amelia Topa family:

- **Enneas (Aeneas) McDougall:** born July 12, 1850 in Washington Territory; died after 1901, place unknown; married Idal (Atelle) (surname unknown). [*Shirley Louis, "We Heard It in the Bushes"*]

Idal (Atelle): born about 1860 in BC; died November 7, 1910 at or near Westbank, BC. [*"Orchard City Record", Thursday, November 10, 1910, page 1*]

Child: August McDougall

- **Alexander McDougall:** born about 1851 in BC; died September 26, 1908 at Westbank, BC; married Marguerite De Chiquette on July 11, 1875. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13110, Registration #1908-09-198386*] [*Shirley Louis, "We Heard It in the Bushes"*]

Marguerite De Chiquette: born about 1859 in BC; no information about her death.

Children: unknown

- **David Joseph McDougall:** born between 1854 and 1857 at Cedar Hills, Victoria, BC; died April 16, 1936 at Kelowna; married Christine Terese Couture on January 27, 1873. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13156, Registration #1936-09-513296*] [*Shirley Louis, "We Heard It in the Bushes"*]

Terese Christine Couture: born about 1858 in BC; died June 21, 1938 at Kelowna. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13162, Registration #1938-09-544354*]

Children:

1. Virginia Regina McDougall: married 1) Peter Bessette 2) Alphonsus Peter Chartrand 3) Alfons Mevenkamp
2. Elizabeth Christine McDougall: married James Steele
3. David Samuel McDougall: married Nancy (from Penticton)
4. Isadore McDougall: married Theresa Ashton nee Adamson
5. Angus Alexander McDougall: married Molly McKinley
6. Oliver Peter McDougall: married a widow, Elizabeth Fowingerman
7. Julia McDougall: married Edward (Mickey) Derickson
8. Emily Louise McDougall: married James Alvernie Bailey

According to a document written by Alliss Miller nee Bailey written on May 27, 1992 in consultation with Norman Steele, David and Christine had two children buried in Duck Lake Cemetery: Lavina and Johnny McDougall, dates unknown.

- **Joseph Norbert McDougall:** born December 13, 1859; died August 26, 1864, age 4 years, 8 months, and 13 days at Okanagan Mission; buried on August 27, 1864 in Mission of the Immaculate Conception Cemetery. [*Immaculate Conception Mission Parish Records*]
- **Henry McDougall:** born January 1, 1861 in BC; died August 8, 1954 at Haney, BC; 1894 married Mary Vernon. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13221, Registration #1954-09-008986*] [*Shirley Louis, "We Heard It in the Bushes"*]

Mary Vernon: born May 12, 1876 at Vernon, BC; died October 25, 1948 at Vernon, BC. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13198, Registration #1948-09-009753*]

Child: Lizzie James (adopted)

- **Edward McDougall:** born December 20, 1863 at Okanagan Mission, BC; died June 9, 1939 at Westbank, BC; married Christina (Eusebia) Smithson on December 29, 1884 in Vernon District. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13165, Registration #1939-09-559565] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11387, Registration #1884-09-167731]*

Christina (Eusebia) Smithson: born August 8, 1870 at Okanagan Mission, BC; died March 31, 1961 at Victoria, BC. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13251, Registration #1961-09-004023]*

Children:

1. Albert McDougall: did not marry
2. Emily McDougall: married Willie Tomat
3. Daniel McDougall: married Louise Eli
4. Annie McDougall: probably died young
5. Joseph David McDougall: married Agnes Garcia
6. Grace McDougall: married Joseph O'Brien
7. Thomas McDougall: no information
8. James McDougall: did not marry
9. Fred McDougall: married Ruby Schmidt
10. Fay McDougall: died young

- **John McDougall:** born March 7, 1866, probably at Okanagan Mission, BC; possibly died in infancy at Okanagan Mission, BC.
- **John Amabile McDougall:** born January 16, 1869, at Okanagan Mission, BC; died February 14, 1961 at Winfield, BC; married Louisa Felix on July 17, 1893 in Kamloops District. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13251, Registration #1961-09-003581] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1893-09-186622]*

Louisa Felix: born about 1870 in BC; died November 19, 1934 at Westbank, BC. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13152, Registration #1934-09-496146]*

Children:

1. Josephine McDougall: married Tommy Armstrong
2. Cecelia McDougall: married Donald Abel
3. Edward McDougall: married Rose Eli
4. John William McDougall: married Emma Swite
5. Susanna McDougall: married Lee Smith
6. Harriet McDougall: married John Robins
7. Jerry McDougall: did not marry
8. August McDougall: no information

- **Lesime McDougall:** born about 1871 on Duck Lake Indian Reserve #7, Okanagan Valley, BC; died September 11, 1924 at Kelowna; buried on Westbank Indian Reserve; did not marry. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13360, Registration #1924-09-008452]*
- **Urban McDougall:** born October 12, 1872 at Okanagan Mission, BC; died July 12, 1949 at Westbank, BC; married Madeline Jack on April 7, 1902 at Kamloops. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13201, Registration #1949-09-007195] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics, Microfilm #B13888 Registration #1902-09-026740]*

Madeline Jack: born December 15, 1878 at Vernon, BC; died December 14, 1952 at 6 Mile Creek, BC. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13214, Registration #1952-09-012653]*

Children:

1. Johnny McDougall: married Rosie Eli
2. Joseph William (Cougar Bill) McDougall: married Lillian Dineau
3. Susan McDougall: married Casimier Tonasket

John Baptiste McDougall had a second family by a Westbank First Nations woman named **Julie** (surname unknown):

1. **Martha/Martina Lola McDougall**: born c1882 in Vernon, BC; died November 7, 1979 in Westbank, BC; married 1) San Pierre 2) Gaston Louis (Louie) on February 23, 1920 at Kamloops, BC. At the time of her death, Martina Lola Louie was the widow of Gaston Louie. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13599, Registration #1979-09-016890] [Shirley Louis, "We Heard It in the Bushes"] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics (not filmed), Registration #1920-09-544850]

San Pierre: no information

Gaston Louis: born c1876 in BC; died after 1921, place unknown. [1921 Canada Census: BC, Yale 25, Indian Reserves, Okanagan Agency, Okanagan Band; Page 3]

Children:

1. Katherine Louis: born April 23, 1927 in Vernon, BC; married George Bradbury; died November 24, 1985 in Kelowna. On her BC Death Registration, her parents are listed as Castor Louie born Vernon, BC and Martina (surname unknown) born in Westbank. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm B#16576, Registration #1985-09-019681]
 2. Five more children who died young. [Shirley Louis, "We Heard It in the Bushes"]
2. **Agnes (Agatha) McDougall**: born c1891 in Westbank, BC; died August 26, 1924 in Westbank, BC; married Casimir Pierre. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13360, Registration #1924-09-008458] [Shirley Louis, "We Heard It in the Bushes"]

Casimir Pierre: born c1885 in BC, son of Antoine Pierre and Julie Adrian; died December 19, 1966 in Penticton, BC. The informant on the death registration was his daughter Agnes Pierre. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13281, Registration #1966-09-017351]

Children [list may not be complete]:

1. Esther Pierre: married William Louie [Shirley Louis]
2. Agnes Pierre: [informant on her father's BC Death Registration]
3. Andrew Pierre: [1921 Canada Census]

The 1921 Canada Census lists the Pierre family. Casimir Pierre's parents, Antoine and Julia Adrian Pierre were listed in the preceding household. [1921 Canada Census: BC, Yale 25, Indian Reserves, Okanagan Agency, Penticton Band; Page 15]

Pierre, Antoine	head	age 53	born BC	farmer
Pierre, Julia Adrian	wife	age 22	born BC	
Pierre, Casimir	head	age 32	born BC	farmer
Pierre, Agatha	wife	age 30	born BC	
Pierre, Esther	daughter	age 1	born BC	
Pierre, Andrew	stepson	age 9	born BC	

The 1881 Canada Census provided information about three generations of the McDougall family: John and Amelia McDougall, eight of their sons, and two of their grandchildren. In this record, the surname is spelled "McDougall". [1881 Canada Census: BC, Yale, Okanagan Division; P. 12 and 13, Family 78]

McDougall, John	55 years old	born Manitoba	Catholic	farmer
McDougall, Amelia	46 years old	born BC	Catholic	
McDougall, Alexander	30 years old	born BC	Catholic	farmer
McDougall, Margaret	22 years old	born BC	Catholic	[wife of Alexander]
McDougall, Enneas	28 years old	born BC	Catholic	farmer
McDougall, David	24 years old	born BC	Catholic	farmer
McDougall, Terese	20 years old	born US	Catholic	[wife of David]
McDougall, David	6 years old	born BC	Catholic	[son of David]

Two grandchildren of David McDougall and Terese Couture are buried in Duck Lake Cemetery. These were the children of Virginia, David and Terese McDougall's daughter:

1. **Alphonse Bessette:** dates not known *[Miller, Alliss. List of names of those interred in the "Old Indian Cemetery" adjacent and to the west of Duck Lake Indian Reserve No. 7; May 27, 1992]*
2. **Vivian Chartrand:** dates not known *[Miller, Alliss. List of names of those interred in the "Old Indian Cemetery" adjacent and to the west of Duck Lake Indian Reserve No. 7; May 27, 1992]*



Terese McDougall (nee Couture)

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

On pages 26 and 27 of "We Heard It in the Bushes", Shirley Louis recorded the following information about David McDougall's family:

The third eldest son [of John and Amelia McDougall] was David, born between 1854 and 1857 in Victoria. David married Terese Couture on January 27, 1873. Terese was the daughter of "Couture and an Indian woman, Louise." It is believed that Couture came from Quebec and then Montana. In 1913, the Royal Commission was inquiring about Indian lands and half breeds living on Reserves. At the time, David and Terese were living on the Duck Lake Indian Reserve at Winfield, and were one such couple who were being questioned as to their right to occupy reserve land. During the inquiry, Enoch, an Okanagan Indian, testified that he married the widowed Louise and adopted Terese and this gave her the right to the property at Duck Lake and Priest Valley Reserve [Vernon, BC]. In the end, however, David and Terese were made to leave and I have mentioned this inquiry only to try and establish Terese's background. It is within this same testimony that David said his mother, Amelie, was an Indian of Okanagan Shuswap origin; he also added that he was born at Cedar Hills, Victoria.

Before residing at Duck Lake, David [Sr] had taken up land at Scotty Creek, in the Ellison area between Winfield and Kelowna. This land was previously pre-empted by a man known as John McInnes who was probably dubbed "Scotty" because the creek was later named Scotty Creek. Later, David sold this property to pioneers, Joseph Christien and John Conroy, and moved to Duck Lake Indian Reserve. The large two storey log house at Scotty Creek, built by David, was moved from this property to the Father Pandosy Historical Park in Kelowna's Mission area in 1971.

David and Terese were married at the Mission [of the Immaculate Conception, now popularly known as the Father Pandosy Mission] and since they lived at Duck Lake during the following years, it is possible that their children were born either there or at Scotty Creek. Their children were Virginia, Elizabeth, David Samuel, Isadore, Angus, Oliver, Julia, and Emily Louise....

Many family stories reflect the spirit of David and Terese's household. The older members of the family spoke three languages – French, English and the Okanagan language. Serious matters were discussed in either Okanagan or French to keep the children from knowing the various "mysterious secrets" discussed by the elders. At various celebrations, which were always held even if there was no reason for celebrating, all three languages flowed off their tongues as easily as the present sweet wine and ale was imbibed....

David died at the home of Jim and Emily Bailey in Kelowna in 1935 [April 16, 1936]. Terese died just two weeks before her daughter, in Kelowna Hospital, July 22, 1938 [June 21, 1938]. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13156, Registration #1936-09-513296]* *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13162, Registration #1938-09-544354]*

The eight children of **David McDougall and Terese Couture** are listed below. Information about these children and their families is from Shirley Louis' "We Heard It in the Bushes", page 27. Other information is from BC Vital Statistics.

- **Virginia McDougall** married Alphonse Chartrend [Chartrand], fittingly dubbed Uncle Happy because of his obvious good nature and friendly smile. *[Shirley Louis]*

Virginia McDougall married Alphonsus Peter Chartrand on February 5, 1934, at Kelowna. At the time of this marriage, Virginia, age 50, was the widow of Peter Bessette who had died September 30, 1933. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13767, Registration #1934-09-413084]* *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13362, Registration #1933-09-017637]*

Virginia married for a third time to Alfons Mevenkamp (Mavenkamp). *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13586, Registration #1978-09-009010]*

The following obituary appeared on page 2 of the Monday, May 29, 1978 edition of the "Daily Courier":

Kelowna's oldest dies at 101 years

Kelowna's oldest native born citizen died Sunday in Cottonwoods Extended Care unit at the age of 101.

Funeral services will be held for Virginia Mavenkamp in the Vernon Funeral Home Wednesday.

Born on Oct. 20, 1876 on the Christian Ranch owned by her father Dave McDougall who was one of the Okanagan's earliest pioneers, Mrs.

Mavenkamp was the second oldest of 11 children.

Her limited schooling was obtained at the old school in Ellison where she completed Grade 4 or Book 4 as it was often called then.

As a youngster she liked to collect small nuggets in exchange for furs and she helped her father carry supplies such as furs, mail, food and whiskey over the Fur Brigade Trails from Hope to Tulamun [Tulameen].

She often accompanied her father to Big White Mountain on trapping expeditions.

She worked as a doctor's helper in the Vernon area, travelling around the Indian reserves caring for the sick and disabled.

She spoke fluent French and the Okanagan Indian dialect and was often an interpreter in court cases involving Indian people.

Her first husband was Alphonsus "Happy" Chartrand who died in 1956 and they had three children, two of whom died in infancy.

Her surviving daughter is Delphine Phyllis Parson of Winfield.

- **Elizabeth McDougall** married James Steele and had four children. The record of this marriage has not been located. [Shirley Louis, "We Heard It in the Bushes"]

Elizabeth McDougall had children by other partners: a son, Fred Steele, by Thomas William Jones and a daughter, Ethel Elizabeth Steele, by Windle Alfred. [Shirley Louis] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13895, Registration #1929-09-013414]

- **David Samuel McDougall** married Nancy, the granddaughter of a Penticton chief and had five children. After Nancy's death he fathered a daughter, Martha, with Rosie Sanford of Vernon. The record of this marriage has not been located. [Shirley Louis, "We Heard It in the Bushes"]

David Samuel McDougall is buried in Duck Lake Cemetery.

- **Isadore McDougall** married Theresa Ashton (nee Adamson), from Vernon, and together they had two daughters. Later, Isadore had two more children with an American woman, then returned to live with Theresa. The record of this marriage has not been located. [Shirley Louis, "We Heard It in the Bushes"]
- **Angus McDougall** married Molly McKinley at Vernon, BC on May 11, 1917. Molly McKinley was 21 years old, spinster, born at Kelowna, daughter of John Black McKinley and Jane Elizabeth Martin. Angus and Molly McDougall had one child. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1917-09-186718] [Shirley Louis, "We Heard It in the Bushes"]
- **Oliver**, or "Boss", **McDougall** married Elizabeth Fowingerman, a hardworking German widow with three children from her first marriage, and together they had seven more children. The record of this marriage has not been located. [Shirley Louis, "We Heard It in the Bushes"]
- **Julia McDougall** was born at Duck Lake, BC c1891. She married Edward "Mickey" Derickson on September 28, 1910, at Kelowna. Edward Derickson was 21 years old, born at Oroville, USA, son of Battis Derickson and Mary Chance. Julia and Edward "Mickey" Derickson had 12 children. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11386, Registration #1910-09-166402] [Shirley Louis, "We Heard It in the Bushes"]

- **Emily Louise McDougall** was born c1896. She married James Alvin [Alvernie] Bailey of Westwold, BC on February 10, 1919 at Vernon, BC. Emily McDougall was 23 years old. James Bailey was 33 years old, born at Grand Round Valley, Oregon, USA, son of John Abbott Bailey and Emma Jane Pentecost. Emily Louise and James Alvernie Bailey had 12 children. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11390, Registration #1919-09-203067] [Shirley Louis, "We Heard It in the Bushes"]*

The 1891 Canada Census provides a snapshot of the McDougall family, including their eldest four children. *[1891 Canada Census: BC, Yale, Okanagan District; Page 2]*

McDougall, David	head	37 years old	born BC
McDougall, Christine	wife	33 years old	born BC
McDougall, David	son	15 years old	born BC
McDougall, Virginia	daughter	7 years old	born BC
McDougall, Elizabeth	daughter	6 years old	born BC
McDougall, Isidore	son	4 years old	born BC

No reference to David McDougall and family has been located in the 1901 Canada Census, but the 1911 Canada Census shows Christina [Terese] living with four of her younger children. *[1911 Canada Census: BC, Okanagan Division, Indian; Page 10]*

McDougall, Christina [Terese]	head	53 years old	born BC, March 1858
McDougall, Isidore	son	23 years old	born BC, 1888
McDougall, Angus	son	18 years old	born BC, 1893
McDougall, Oliver	son	17 years old	born BC, 1894
McDougall, Emily Louise	daughter	15 years old	born BC, March 1896

Angus Alexander McDougall

Angus Alexander McDougall is buried in Winfield, probably in Duck Lake Cemetery. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13141, Registration #1930-09-448564]*

Angus Alexander McDougall was born c1896 in Alvaston (now Winfield), BC son of David McDougall and Terese Christina Couture. He died April 3, 1930 in Quesnel, BC.

On May 11, 1917, Angus McDougall married Molly McKinley at Vernon, BC. She was born July 8, 1898 in the Central Okanagan. Her parents were John Black McKinley and Jane Martin. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1917-09-186718]*

Angus and Molly McDougall had one known child:

- Agnes McDougall: born June 21, 1918; died September 2, 1994; married a Swordy and had a son David; married a second time to Nelson Stewart and had no more children. *[Dates of birth and death were transcribed from Agnes' grave marker located in a small burial ground north of Duck Lake on Jim Bailey Road, south of Beaver Lake Road. Biographical information was provided by Shirley Louis in a telephone interview in October 2012.]*

Molly McKinley and Angus McDougall divorced and Molly remarried on May 11, 1925 to Nolan Fisher. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13750, Registration #1925-09-294555]*



Angus Alexander McDougall

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

David Samuel McDougall

David Samuel McDougall is the first burial in Duck Lake Cemetery that was documented near the time of burial.

He was born probably in the Central Okanagan Valley c1876, the eldest child of David Joseph McDougall (born in BC c1854) and Terese Couture, also known as Christine, (born in BC c1858).
[1891 Canada Census: BC, Yale, Okanagan District; Page 2]

David Samuel McDougall was murdered in Westbank District on March 2, 1912.

The following article about David McDougall's murder appears on page 2 of the Thursday, March 7, 1912 edition of the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist":

Terrible Crime
At Westbank

At about eight o'clock last Saturday night, a ghastly murder was perpetrated at the ranche of Edward McDougall, in the Westbank district, a half-breed from Duck Lake named David McDougall jr., and locally known as "Young Dave," being shot and instantly killed by his cousin, Albert McDougall, son of Edward McDougall. Provincial Constable J. Tooth was notified early the following morning, and immediately crossed the lake, and proceeded to the scene of the crime. He found the dead man lying where he had fallen, on the sidehill about thirty paces below a barn which is adjacent to Edward McDougall's house. The body was face downward, and a gaping wound in the back of the head showed that death must have been instantaneous. The constable went on to the house and after questioning the inmates he arrested Albert McDougall as a suspect and held his brother Dan and his father as material witnesses for the Crown.

The body was removed to Kelowna, and an inquest was held by Dr. Boyce, Coroner, in the Court House on Monday afternoon. The jury was composed of Messrs. E. Weddell, foreman, D.W. Sutherland, A. Edwards, P.B. Willits, G. Rowcliffe and R.F. Morrison, and after much testimony had been taken they returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased had come to his death, on March 2nd, by a bullet wound in the head caused by a shot fired by some person unknown.

The hearing lasted from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the evidence was most conflicting. The witnesses examined were, Wm. Miller, J. Huston, August McDougall, Elizabeth Steel, A. McNara, Joe McDougall, Mrs. Dave McDougall, Edward McDougall, Mrs. Edward McDougall, Dr. [Austin H.] Huycke (who performed the postmortem examination), Dave McDougall sr., Urban McDougall, Albert McDougall and Dan McDougall, who gave their testimony in the order stated....

On Tuesday, at 3 p.m., the Court House was again crowded to witness the final hearing in the local court.... Magistrate Boyce then committed the prisoner to stand trial for murder at the next assizes.



David Samuel McDougall

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

An article about David Samuel McDougall's grave in Duck Lake Cemetery appeared in the Thursday, March 14, 1912 edition of the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", page 5:

In the Police Court on Monday morning...Max Major, of Duck Lake, was sentenced to three months hard labour for desecrating the grave of the late David McDougall, recently murdered at Westbank.... The land which includes the Duck Lake Cemetery belongs to Major, and it would seem that the Indian Department have been lax in their instructions to the Indians with regard to all burials made, after Major secured his Crown Grant.

Max Major was a long-time resident of Okanagan Centre. Old-time local residents remember him as a strange individual whose house was notoriously uncared for. He died August 23, 1930 in Kelowna at age 80 years. He was buried in Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery, Pioneer Section. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13140, Registration #1930-09-445775]*

Emily Louise Bailey (nee McDougall)

Emily Louise Bailey is probably the last burial in Duck Lake Cemetery. See more information in the Bailey family section.

Emily Louise McDougall was born at Winfield, BC on March 10, 1895, daughter of David Joseph McDougall and Terese Christine Couture. She married James Alvernie Bailey. Emily Louise Bailey died July 3, 1938 in Kelowna and was buried July 6, 1938. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13163, Registration #1938-09-545809]*



Sisters Emily Louise McDougall and Julia Derickson (nee McDougall) with children

Left to right: unknown girl, Emily Louise McDougall holding child, Henry Derickson (in chair), Bill Steele, Julia Derickson holding baby, Mary Steele

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014



McDougall sisters, c1919
Daughters of David Joseph McDougall and Terese Couture

Left to right: Julia Derickson (nee McDougall) holding her niece Delphine Chartrand,
Emily Louise Bailey (nee McDougall)

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

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McDougall 1860s Trading Post

Originally built by John McDougall on his property where Guisachan House is now located

This building, minus its pitched roof and bottom row of logs, was disassembled and moved c1967 to the Kelowna Centennial Museum, now the Okanagan Heritage Museum.

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Simpson

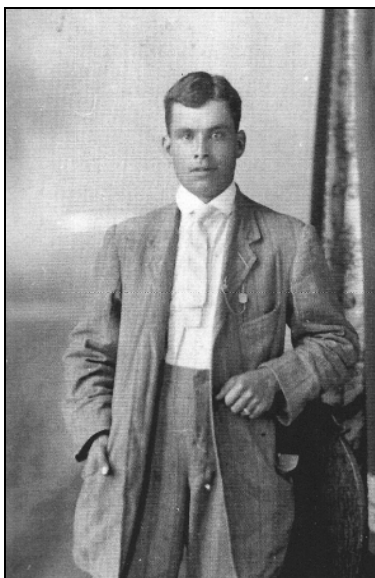
Two members of the Simpson family are known to be buried in Duck Lake Cemetery. A third member of this family is a probable burial:

- **Eliza Jane Simpson** (nee Christien): born c1879; died June 20, 1909 [probable burial]
- **Annie Simpson**: infant daughter of Thomas Simpson and Eliza Jane Christien; born and died before 1897
- **Mary Simpson**: daughter of George Simpson and Clarine nee Antoine; granddaughter of Thomas Simpson and Eliza Jane Christien; date of death unknown

Eliza Jane Simpson (nee Christien) was born c1879 possibly at or near Vernon, BC. Registration of her marriage to Thomas Simpson (son of Okanagan pioneers George William Simpson and Sarah Stepetsa) has not been located. Shortly before her death, Eliza Simpson and family were living at Dry Valley, now known as Glenmore and part of the City of Kelowna. Eliza Simpson died on June 20, 1909; she was 30 years old. Place of death was Duck Lake Reserve. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13111, Registration #1909-09-201991]

The following obituary appeared in "Ellison District Notes" on page 6 of the Thursday, July 1, 1909 edition of the "Vernon News":

We are truly sorry to have to report the sad death of Mrs. Thomas Simpson which occurred early on Monday morning of last week at Duck Lake. Deceased was just in the prime of her life when she was attacked with heart trouble, which the most careful treatment failed to relieve, but her friends fondly hoped she might survive for many months to come when the end came unexpectedly on Monday. Her funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon and was largely attended, Rev. Father Verbecke officiating. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss.



Thomas Simpson

Husband of Eliza Jane (Lizette) Christien and father of Annie Simpson,
both buried in Duck Lake Cemetery

Photo Credit: Lake Country Museum & Archives, #2007.000.0037

Thomas Simpson and Eliza Jane Christien had five children:

- **Annie Simpson:** dates unknown. Buried in Duck Lake Cemetery [Miller, Alliss. *List of names of those interred in the "Old Indian Cemetery" adjacent and to the west of Duck Lake Indian Reserve No. 7; May 27, 1992*] [Miller, Alliss; Louis, Shirley. *Hand-drawn map of Duck Lake Cemetery with names and burial locations; undated*]
- **Percival Simpson:** born December 29, 1896, probably at or near Winfield, BC; no additional information. [1901 Canada Census: BC, Yale & Cariboo, Yale East; Pages 2 and 3, Family 22]

Percival Simpson is not listed as a child of Thomas Simpson and Eliza Jane Christian in "Q'sapi", page 205. No additional information, but possibly he died young. If so, Percival may have been buried in Duck Lake Cemetery.

- **Annie Levina Simpson:** born July 15, 1897 probably at or near Winfield, BC; died August 11, 1928 in Merritt, BC; married Alfred Sterling on November 12, 1919 in New Westminster, BC. [1901 Canada Census: BC, Yale & Cariboo, Yale East; Pages 2 and 3, Family 22] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13361, Registration #1928-09-012155] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11389, Registration #1919-09-198723]

Alfred Sterling: born February 16, 1896 in Merritt, BC, son of Charles Sterling and Agnes Francis; died September 9, 1973 in Merritt, BC. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13327, Registration #1973-09-013921]

According to Alfred Sterling's BC Death Registration he was married at the time of his death; his wife was Sophia Voght.

- **George Simpson:** born February 12, 1898 at or near Kelowna; died January 15, 1952 on Duck Lake Indian Reserve #7; married Clarine Antoine, April 5, 1925 in Kamloops, BC. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13377, Registration #1952-09-095006] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13896, Registration #1925-09-014556]

Clarine Antoine: born March 15, 1903 in Chase, BC, daughter of Charles Edward and Mary Antoine, both of Chase; died March 20, 1968, age 65 years in Winfield, BC. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13289, Registration #1968-09-007249]

George Simpson and Clarine Antoine had at least eight children. Their names and some dates of birth and death are listed on page 205 of "Q'sapi – A History of Okanagan People as Told by Okanagan Families":

1. Mary Simpson: dates unknown; buried in Duck Lake Cemetery. This Mary Simpson is not listed in "Q'sapi". [Miller, Alliss. *List of names of those interred in the "Old Indian Cemetery" adjacent and to the west of Duck Lake Indian Reserve No. 7; May 27, 1992*] [Miller, Alliss; Louis, Shirley. *Hand-drawn map of Duck Lake Cemetery with names and burial locations; undated*]
2. Clarence Simpson Borrie: born March 21, 1923; died July 8, 1944 in the Second World War; adopted by Victor and Sarah Borrie nee Simpson. Sarah Borrie was the sister of Clarence's father. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B14426, Registration #1944-09-703458]

The following notice appeared on page one of the Thursday, July 20, 1944 edition of the "Kelowna Courier":

Pte. Clarence Simpson Borrie, of Winfield, is reported to have been killed in operations in France on July 8. He was in an infantry unit. His father is Victor Borrie, chief of the Winfield Indian Reserve.

3. Susan Simpson: born 1924; died 1998; married J. Fraser

4. Ernest Simpson: born 1926; died 2000
5. Isabelle Simpson: born 1928; died before 2011; married F. Thomas
6. Mary Simpson: born 1930; died 1966; married J. Steele
7. Herbert (Herbie) Simpson: born 1932; died February 26, 2011; married Joan

The following obituary appeared on page A4 in the Wednesday, March 2, 2011 edition of the "Daily Courier":

Simpson, Herbert Edward (Herbie)

Went to be with his Creator on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at the age of 79. He is survived by his loving wife Joan; four daughters: Roberta Simpson-Alec (Fred) of Pavillion, BC, Maureen Ziprick (Curtis) of Winfield, Leona Simpson (Sylvester Arana) of Winfield, Karen Simpson of Winfield; nine grandchildren: Roman, Francine, Tara, Zachary, Christopher, Steve, Glen, Dillon and Alicia; five great grandchildren: James Dean, Tristen, Katy, new baby boy and Savannah; his brother Charlie Simpson (Martha) of Winfield; nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by his parents George and Clarine Simpson, brothers Clarence and Ernest; three sisters: Susan, Isabelle and Mary. Herbie was a Band Councillor for the Okanagan Indian Band in Vernon. He was involved in the logging and sawmill industries. He also loved to hunt and fish. Prayers will be recited at 7:30 pm at 9260 Jim Bailey Road, Winfield, BC. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Friday, March 4th at 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 750 North Rutland Road, Kelowna, BC with interment to follow in St. Theresa's Cemetery.

8. Charlie Raymond Simpson: born 1934; died February 9, 2013; married Martha

The following obituary appeared in the Wednesday, February 22, 2012 edition of the "Calendar":

Charlie Raymond Simpson

Charlie Raymond Simpson passed away peacefully at his home on February 9, 2012 at the age of 77. He is survived by his loving wife Martha; his children: Patty Sue, Carrie Lynn, Debra, Peggy Sue; step-children: Sheila (Guy) Severight, Michael (Janice) Paul, Harry (Joan) Paul, Philmena Paul; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great, great grandchildren. Sadly predeceased by his parents George and Clarine, brothers Herbert, Clarence and Ernest; three sisters: Susan, Isabelle and Mary; his children: Connie Irey, Dale Ray Simpson and nephew Jeffery Thomas.

Prayers were held on Saturday, February 11th at 7:30 pm at 9260 Jim Bailey Road.

- **Harvey Allen Simpson:** born February 28, 1900 in Winfield, BC; died October 17, 1981, age 81 years in Quesnel, BC; married Alice Struthers, May 10, 1926 in Vernon, BC; [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13616, Registration #1981-09-021014] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13752, Registration #1926-09-310929]

Alice Struthers: born August 26, 1903 in Vernon, BC, daughter of Thomas Struthers and Sophia Edwards; died August 29, 1985 in Quesnel, BC, age 82 years. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B16575, Registration #1985-09-014509]



Left to right: George Simpson (son of Thomas Simpson and Eliza Jane Christien), Victor Borrie (standing), Sarah Borrie (nee Simpson, sister of Thomas Simpson), William Steele (son of Jimmy Steele and Elizabeth McDougall), c1912

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

Simpson Family History

The Simpson family has Okanagan roots dating back to 1870 when George William Simpson arrived in the Central Okanagan Valley. Various records show different dates and places of birth for George Simpson: Delaware, Wisconsin, and Philadelphia. The 1901 Canada Census gives his birth date as March 15, 1817.

In 1858, after a stint in the California gold fields, George William Simpson came to the Crown Colony of British Columbia in search of gold. Upon his arrival in the Central Okanagan, he purchased the Frederick Brent property and grist mill at the south end of Duck Lake.

Frank M. Buckland, in "Ogopogo's Vigil", pages 41-42, provided information about George Simpson and described the property that Simpson purchased from Frederick Brent:

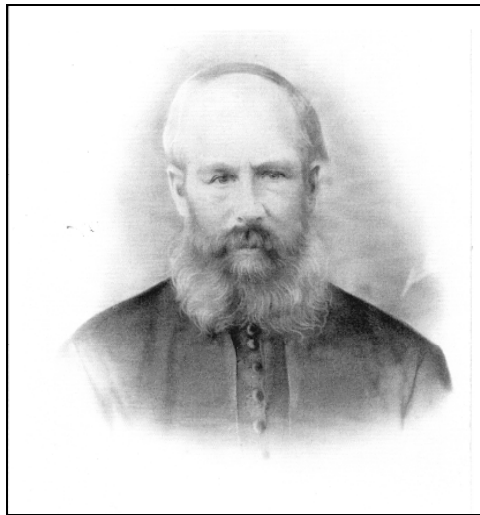
George W. Simpson, born in Philadelphia, U.S.A. was the son of a Presbyterian minister [John Simpson] who had emigrated to that country from Scotland. California had called young Simpson west, and the Fraser bars north. He arrived in Victoria in 1859, and was one of fifty men who answered the call of Governor Douglas, when he endeavoured to open the road to the Cariboo the same year. Simpson was also associated with Harper Bros., following their herds into the Chilcotin and Cariboo from Oregon, and his family claim he was the first man to introduce domestic cattle into our Valley. He made his first home beside Luc Girouard on Nin-til-moos-chin, or "little jump over", now Swan Lake Creek, Vernon.

Both these men must have been squatters at that time, for we read of Luc Girouard recording his preemption claim much later, September 1, 1867. Coming to the Mission Valley, Simpson bought Frederick Brent's farm at Duck Lake in 1870. There he operated a cattle ranch, and the iron flour mill run by a waterwheel on a nearby creek that was installed by Brent. This mill was later

moved to the Simpson ranch four miles farther down the creek. A sawmill built on this original site by Postill Bros. was run by the same water power. One year later a grist mill was driven by the same water, much nearer the lake [Okanagan Lake], and the name of the stream that drove these wheels was then changed [from Peon Creek] to Mill Creek, as it is today.

After selling his Duck Lake property to the Postill Bros. Simpson moved south to the ranch which still bears his name. There he continued to farm for a number of years, using oxen as work animals in the fields in preference to horses, until his sons grew up and introduced different methods. Simpson was noted as a studious man, and a well-worn, thumb-marked Bible he had carried with him over rough trails and through rougher camps marked him as a reader.

George Simpson married Sarah Stepetsa in Vernon District on September 10, 1876. He was Presbyterian and she was Roman Catholic. They were married by the local Roman Catholic priest, Father Julien Baudré, OMI. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11387, Registration #1876-09-167884]*



George William Simpson

Photo Credit: Kelowna Public Archives, #105

George and Sarah Simpson had six children, all born locally:

1. Eliza Jane Simpson: (1868-1944); married 1) Thomas Jones 2) William P. Swalwell
2. George William Simpson: (1871-1930); married Marguerite
3. Thomas Simpson: (1872-1912); married 1) Eliza Jane Christien 2) Charlotte Lovelett
4. Sarah Ann Simpson: (1875-1956); married Victor Borrie
5. Livinia Simpson: (baptized Dec. 3, 1882 at the Mission of the Immaculate Conception)
6. Charles Simpson: (1891-1982); married Mary Christine Wilson

The Simpson family appeared on the 1881 Canada Census. *[1881 Canada Census: BC, Yale, Nicola and Okanagan; Roll C_13285; Page 15, Family 91]*

Simpson, George	58 years old	born USA	Church of Scotland	farmer
Simpson, Sarah	30 years old	born BC	Catholic	
Simpson, Eliza Jane	12 years old	born BC	Church of Scotland	
Simpson, George Wm.	10 years old	born BC	Church of Scotland	
Simpson, Thomas	8 years old	born BC	Church of Scotland	

In the "Eighth Report" of the Okanagan Historical Society, "Girlhood Days in Okanagan", page 40, Eliza Jane Jones Swalwell nee Simpson provides information about the family of her mother, Sarah Simpson nee Stepetsa:

At one time there were two Indian Chiefs, one was Enoch who lived at Duck Lake and the other Chief Pantherhead who lived at Westbank. Chief Pantherhead had two sisters, one was my mother who married G.W. Simpson, and died in 1901, one year before my father. The other sister married a Frenchman, named Boriot [Borrie], who had a cattle ranch near Kamloops. He went on a visit to France, and while there was conscripted and killed in the Franco-Prussian war [1870]. His son, Victor Boriot [Borrie], and his wife are now living on the Duck Lake [First Nations] Reserve. After her husband's death, my aunt came to live with her brother, Chief Pantherhead, and later she married Chief Enoch. These two Chiefs, Pantherhead and Enoch, were highly respected by both Indians and whites.

Sarah Simpson nee Stepetsa died in 1901 at Ellison, BC. She is probably buried on the Swalwell Ranch near the south end of Duck Lake. This ranch was owned by her daughter Eliza Jane and son-in-law William Pelissier Swalwell.

George William Simpson, a widower, was listed on the 1901 Canada Census, living in the household of Joseph Christien, along with George Simpson's daughter-in-law, Lizette [Eliza Jane nee Christien] Simpson. [1901 Canada Census: BC, Yale & Cariboo, Yale East; Pages 2 and 3, Family 21]

Christien, Joseph	b. Aug. 11, 1830, Quebec	head	Roman Catholic	farmer
Simpson, George W.	b. Mar. 15, 1817, USA	lodger	Presbyterian	farm labourer
Simpson, Lizet	b. Sep. 24, 1879, BC	wife	Roman Catholic	

Thomas Simpson, husband of Lizette, was listed in the next household with his four young children. The head of this household was Thomas Simpson's brother-in-law, William Swalwell. [1901 Canada Census: BC, Yale & Cariboo, Yale East; Pages 2 and 3, Family 22]

Swalwell, William	b. Sep. 22, 1856, England	head	Ch of England	farmer
Simpson, Thomas	b. Oct. 15, 1872, BC	lodger	Ch of England	farm labourer
Simpson, Percival	b. Dec. 29, 1896, BC	son	Ch of England	
Simpson, Annie	b. July 15, 1897, BC	dau	Ch of England	
Simpson, George	b. Feb. 12, 1898, BC	son	Ch of England	
Simpson, Alban	b. Feb. 28, 1900, BC	son	Ch of England	
Swalwell, Jane	b. Dec. 11, 1868, BC	wife	Presbyterian	
Jones, Thomas	b. July 13, 1896, BC	stepson	Presbyterian	
Simpson, Charlie	b. Mar. 29, 1891, BC	stepson	Presbyterian	

An explanation of the family relationships in the above 1901 Canada Census follows.

Joseph Christien (head of household 21) had no known family relationship to the others in his household.

George W. Simpson (born March 15, 1817) married Sarah Stepetsa. Three of their children are listed in the 1901 Canada Census:

- Jane Swalwell (nee Simpson): born December 11, 1868. She was the wife of William Swalwell born September 22, 1856 (head of household 22). Her first husband was Thomas Jones (c1839 – 1892).
- Thomas Jones, Jr.: born July 13, 1896 [August 13, 1887]. He was the son of Jane and Thomas Jones. Thomas Jones, Jr. was the stepson of William Swalwell. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13265, Registration #1964-09-003390]

- Thomas Simpson: born October 15, 1872. He was the husband of Lizette Simpson (nee Christien) born September 24, 1879. On the 1901 Canada Census, Lizette was listed in household 21 with her father-in-law, George W. Simpson. Thomas and Lizette Simpson had four children:
 - Percival Simpson: born December 29, 1896; possibly buried in Duck Lake Cemetery
 - Annie Simpson: born July 15, 1897; buried in Duck Lake Cemetery
 - George Simpson: born February 12, 1898
 - Alban [Harvey Allen] Simpson: born February 28, 1900
- Charlie Simpson: born March 29, 1891, listed as stepson of William Swalwell, was actually his much younger brother-in-law.

Information about Thomas Simpson and his family is found on page 207 of "Q'Sapi – A History of Okanagan People as Told by Okanagan Families", written by Shirley Louis:

By most accounts, Thomas Simpson married Eliza Jane Christian [Christien]. She was better known as just "Lizette" and according to sacramental records was the daughter of just "Julien". Although Christian is a very familiar name in the early history of the valley, Lizette cannot be placed on any particular family tree.

Thomas and Lizette had three [four] children – [Percival], George III, Harvey and Annie. Evidently, after Lizette's death in 1909, Thomas left the area for the Chase region. He died there of typhoid fever at age thirty-one, August 20, 1912. A record of baptism shows George III was born at Okanagan Mission, February 12, 1898 and was baptized March 12, 1899 at Vernon by Reverend Hartleib. His god-parents are noted as Victor and Sarah Pare (Borrie). Seemingly, after Lizette's death, Victor and Sarah adopted nine-year-old George. His brother, Harvey, married Alice Struthers. She was the daughter of Thomas B. Struthers and [an] Okanagan woman Sophie Edward. Their sister, Annie, married Alfred Sterling of Merritt but died at an early age.

Herbert Simpson, son of George Simpson and Clarine Antoine, is quoted on pages 207 and 208 of "Q'sapi":

Herbert Simpson: My dad was George Simpson and he married my mother, Clara Antoine, a Shuswap from Chase [BC]. My mother's mother was a Celesta. Sarah and Victor Borrie from here at Duck Lake adopted my dad when he was real small and they adopted my brother, Clarence, when he was born. I don't know who my dad's parents were, but I think it must have been that old Simpson [George William Simpson] that owned the Eldorado Ranch long time ago, just over there on the other side of Duck Lake. I called Victor and Sarah, Grampa and Gramma.

When we were small we weren't allowed to stay in the house when other people came to visit. It would be really cold outside and we were told to get our coats on and go outside and play. Anyway, they talked Indian and we never did learn how to speak that language. My dad, though, always spoke English. I remember when Mom and old Harriet Robins got together, though, they would have a good old time talking their language. They'd sit and talk for hours and hours. If we asked what they were talking about, they'd say it was none of our business.

I remember when my dad used to race horses. He was a jockey, you know. He raced on the ranch over there. The Eldorado Ranch. Then he'd go to Vernon and Kamloops and all over, racing his horse Maudas. They called Dad Dutchy 'cause

he was pretty small. Old Tommy Gregoire, when he sees me, always says, "You look just like Dutchy." Then he tells me about Maudas and Dad.

Dad did all kinds of work. He worked on the Eldorado Ranch putting up hay, and in the orchard, but he mostly logged. He worked for Dany Miller and Steve Bata, up here at Beaver Lake. Mom always went along with Dad as the cook. She'd take lunch up to those guys in the bush. She'd walk all the way up. There was hardly no thermoses in them days so she'd take coffee in Mason jars. Take it when it was warm and she'd know how long it would take her to get there and they'd have warm coffee. Mom always wore a tam and she went to church every Sunday. It wasn't until Dad died that she quit going. I guess she just gave up.

When we were small the priest came once a month and had Mass at Gramma's house. They had an altar that stayed there and they'd fix it up for Mass. Us kids stayed for catechism after church. I remember Father Murray and Father Collins and Father Scott. One time we were at catechism and my brother Charlie (Raymond) got up and left. He said, "I had enough," and walked out. The priest didn't know what to do. He just let him go. Charlie was just little then and I guess he did have enough. He used to say, "There's just too much singing!"



Victor and Sarah Borrie (nee Simpson)

Adoptive parents of Sarah's nephew George Simpson and his son Clarence

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

Following the death of his wife, Eliza Jane "Lizette" in 1909, Thomas Simpson married for a second time. On June 24, 1912 in Chase, BC, he married Charlotte Annie Mary Lovelette, who was born in Chase c1890. Her parents were Richard and Cera Lovelette. On their BC Marriage Registration, Thomas Simpson reported that his age was 38 years, he was a widower, and his parents were George William and Cera [Sarah] Simpson. [*Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11384, Registration #1912-09-139507*]

This second marriage was not destined to be a long one. Thomas Simpson died in Kamloops, BC on August 20, 1912. The reported age at death was 31 years and the cause of death was typhoid fever. Thomas Simpson was buried in Chase. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13112, Registration #1912-09-202672*]

Charlotte Annie Mary Simpson (nee Lovelette) married Sidney Carton-Wilkes on April 23, 1919, in Kamloops, BC. She died February 11, 1942 in Grand Forks, BC, age 50 years. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11390, Registration #1919-09-203035] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13174, Registration #1942-09-601884]



Members of the McDougall and Simpson families, c1913

Left to right: Angus Alexander McDougall, Mickey Derickson (holding baby), Julia Derickson (nee McDougall), Maggie Simpson, Octave McDougall (son of David Samuel McDougall), George Simpson [?], David Joseph McDougall, Terese Christine McDougall (nee Couture), unknown boy, unknown woman with baby, unknown girl, Elizabeth Steele (nee McDougall), Emily Louise McDougall

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

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Interviews

Interview (Bob Hayes, Susan Campbell) with Shirley Louis, October 28, 2014

Telephone interview (Bob Hayes, Susan Campbell) with Shirley Louis, November 24, 2014

Steele / Steel

Five members of the Steele family are known to be buried in Duck Lake Cemetery:

- **Infant Steele:** name and dates unknown (son of Jimmy Steele and Elizabeth McDougall)
- **Infant Steele:** name and dates unknown (son of Jimmy Steele and Elizabeth McDougall)
- **Infant Steele:** name and dates unknown (son of Jimmy Steele and Elizabeth McDougall)
- **Maria Steele** (nee McLean): born c1910; died January 14, 1938 (wife of William Steele)
- **William James Steele:** born July 21, 1930; died September 21, 1930 (son of Maria McLean and William Steele; grandson of Jimmy Steele and Elizabeth McDougall)

Jimmy Steele and Elizabeth McDougall Family

Very little is known about Jimmy Steele. In the 1891 Canada Census, he was a lodger in the household of John B. Moore, living in what is now Rutland, part of Kelowna. James Steele's father was born in England and his mother in BC. Another lodger in this household was Mary (Indian), whose parents were both born in BC. Possibly, Mary was James Steele's mother. [1891 Canada Census: BC, Yale, Okanagan Mission; Roll T-6292; Page 13, Family 77]

Moore, John B.	head	age 57	born USA	C. Presbyterian	placer miner
(Indian) Mary	lodger	age 40	born BC	Roman Catholic	
Steel, James	lodger	age 7	born BC	Roman Catholic	

According to the 1891 Canada Census, Jimmy Steele was born in British Columbia c1884. His grandson, Norman Steele, stated that Jimmy Steele died in the Okanagan in 1929. His BC Death Registration has not been located. [Q'sapi: A History of Okanagan [First Nations] People as Told by Okanagan Families, page 211]

Elizabeth Christine McDougall was born in the Central Okanagan on June 26, 1885, daughter of pioneers David Joseph McDougall and Christine Therese Couture. She died in Kelowna on December 4, 1952 and is buried in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery in Kelowna. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13377, Registration #1952-09-095441]

Shirley Louis in "Q'sapi" provides the names of three of the children of Jimmy Steele and Elizabeth McDougall:

- John Steele: born 1901; died September 26, 1912 in Kelowna age 10. Note: John Steele's Death Registration indicates that his mother was not Elizabeth McDougall. The informant was David McDougall, Elizabeth's father. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13112, Registration #1912-09-202679]
- William Steele: born 1903; died 1944; see information below
- Mary Steele: born 1907; died 1976; married 1) Fred McKinley on October 3, 1923 in Kelowna 2) Peter Jones 3) Timko, first name unknown [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13746, Registration #1923-09-264545]

Research has shown that Jimmy Steele and Elizabeth McDougall had children with other partners. Other children – Ruth and Otale [?] – are listed on the Canada Census with Jimmy Steele. No further information has been found about these children.

The 1901 Canada Census lists Jimmy Steele and his family living in the Black Mountain area east of Kelowna. [1901 Canada Census: BC, Yale & Cariboo, Yale East; Page 4, Family 39]

Steele, James	head	born Dec. 18, 1880 BC	age 20	Roman Catholic	farmer
Steele, Elizabeth	wife	born June 22, 1884 BC	age 16	Roman Catholic	
Steele, Ruth	dau	born April 8, 1898 BC	age 2	Roman Catholic	

In the 1911 Canada Census, Jimmy and Elizabeth Steele were not living together but they were back together by the time of the 1921 Canada Census. In 1911, Jimmy was erroneously listed as a widower. He and three sons were living on Head of the Lake Okanagan Reserve. [1911 Canada Census: BC, Yale-Cariboo, Okanagan; Page 18, Family 212]

Steel, Jimmy	head	born 1885 BC	age 26	Roman Catholic	farmer
Steel, Johnny	son	born 1901 BC	age 10	Roman Catholic	
Steel, Willie	son	born 1903 BC	age 8	Roman Catholic	
Steel, Otale [?]	son	born 1905 BC	age 6	Roman Catholic	

Elizabeth Steele nee McDougall and her daughters Ruth and Mary Agnes and any other children have not been found on the 1911 Canada Census. Between 1911 and 1921, Elizabeth had at least one child by Windle Alfred: Ethel Elizabeth Steele, born about 1914. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13895, Registration #1929-09-013414]

On the 1921 Canada Census, Jimmy Steel and family were living on Indian Reserve #1, Head of the Lake, near Vernon, BC. Shortly after this census, Jimmy and Elizabeth Steele separated permanently. [1921 Canada Census: BC, Yale 25, Indian Reserves, Okanagan Agency, Okanagan Band; Page 1]

Steel, Jimmie	head	age 46	born BC	farmer
Steel, Elizabeth	wife	age 38	born BC	
Steel, Willie	son	age 17	born BC	farmer
Steel, Mary Agnes	daughter	age 14	born BC	
Steel, Martina	daughter	age 1	born BC	

Martina Steel, listed above, was Jimmy Steel's daughter by Josephine Edwards. Martina died on August 4, 1924 on the Westbank Indian Reserve and is buried on the Head of the Lake Indian Reserve. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13378, Registration #1924-09-995399]

William Steele and Maria McLean Family

William Steele was born June 30, 1903 on Okanagan Indian Reserve #1, son of Jimmy Steele and Elizabeth Christine McDougall. William Steele died in Vancouver, BC on April 22, 1944 age 40 years. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13183, Registration #1944-09-642262]

Maria Steele (nee McLean) was born c1910, possibly at Lumby, BC, daughter of George McLean and Terese Adams. She married William Steele on April 15, 1928 in Kamloops, BC. Maria Steele died in Kelowna on January 14, 1938 age 28 years. She was buried in Duck Lake Cemetery. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13896, Registration #1928-09-014563] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13374, Registration #1938-09-022093]

Maria Steele died in 1938 and William married Charlotte Forbes and they had a daughter Wilma (1942-2000). [Q'sapi: A History of Okanagan [First Nations] People as Told by Okanagan Families, page 211]

William Steele and Maria McLean had eight children; four are buried in Duck Lake Cemetery.

1. Norman Steele: married Mildred Tonasket [Shirley Louis, 24 November 2014]
2. Irene Steele: married Stanley Paslowsky [Shirley Louis, 24 November 2014]
3. **William James Steele**: born July 21, 1930; died September 21, 1930; buried in Duck Lake Cemetery [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13140, Registration #1930-09-445789]
4. Gloria Steele: married 1) unknown Russell 2) Jerry Sestina [Shirley Louis, 24 November 2014]
5. Vivian Steele: [still living]
6. **Infant Steele**: name and dates unknown; buried in Duck Lake Cemetery
7. **Infant Steele**: name and dates unknown; buried in Duck Lake Cemetery
8. **Infant Steele**: name and dates unknown; buried in Duck Lake Cemetery

Norman, Irene, Gloria, and Vivian Steele moved to Omak, Washington. Norman and his sisters Irene and Gloria are buried in Head of the Lake Indian Reserve Cemetery, Vernon, BC.



Wedding of Ethel Steele and George Audley Vansickle at Bear Creek, BC, 11 August 1929

(This marriage was dissolved at Vancouver, BC on 26 November 1943)

[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13895, Registration #1929-09-01341]

Back row, left to right: Molly McDougall (nee McKinley), Julia Derickson (nee McDougall), Angus McDougall, Mickey Derickson, Bill Derickson (son of Mickey and Julia), George Audley Vansickle, Ethel Steele, David Joseph McDougall, Terese McDougall (nee Couture), Elizabeth Steele (nee McDougall)

Front row, left to right: unknown woman, Agnes McDougall, Bill Steele

George Audley Vansickle was the son of Carney Vansickle and Jessie Thompson.
Ethel Elizabeth Steele was the daughter of Elizabeth McDougall and Windle Alfred.

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014



Members of the Bailey, Simpson, and Steele families, c1940

Back row, left to right: Della Bailey, Clarine Simpson (nee Antoine), George Simpson, Clarence Simpson
Borrie (son of George and Clarine Simpson), Ernest Simpson (?), Simpson girl, Father Murray (Roman
Catholic priest), Irene Steele (in front of priest)

Front row, left to right: Leo Bailey, Raymond Simpson, Gloria Steele, Edith Bailey, Mary Bailey, Simpson girl,
Herbie Simpson, Norman Steele

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

On page 211 of "Q'sapi – A History of Okanagan People as Told by Okanagan Families", Shirley Louis provides information about the Steele family:

There are presently two versions of how the surname Steel came to be a family name of the Okanagan Band at Duck Lake. The first version is that Jimmy Steele was the son of Colonel Sam Steele of Fort Steele [BC]. The second version, told by Virginia Chartrend [Chartrand], aunt to William Steele, ties him in with the Steele family who founded the renowned Steele and Briggs Seed Company that is so well known in Canada. Relatives of the Company's founder R.C. Steele farmed at Hullcar, near Armstrong [BC]. Neither connection has been proven or verified, therefore leaves room here for the voice of present family.

Norman Steele: My grandfather, Jimmy Steele, died when I was three years old. I don't know if I remember him or if I just remember seeing a picture of me with him sitting on a log by that log house at Deep Creek [BC]. In the picture though, I remember my grandfather had two white horses hooked up to the logs. He was in that picture with me. That land at Deep Creek would have been my inheritance, but after my grandfather Jimmy and grandmother Elizabeth [McDougall] Steele broke up, he got with Josephine Edwards and they had a daughter, Martina. She died and they said my grandfather signed that place over to Josephine. That's how she got that place. My grandfather is buried at Head of the Lake cemetery close by [Chief] N'Kwala's grave.

My dad told me that my great grandfather was Sam Steele, the Northwest Mounted Policeman from Fort Steele. He was one of those guys that abandoned his Indian family and went back to England. Indians to those Englishmen were just savages. My great grandmother, Mary, was from the Arrow Lakes [BC] and she had a sister, Ota, who lived in Incheleum, Washington. My grandfather, James Steele, was Mary and Sam Steele's son. Jimmy Steele married my grandmother, Elizabeth McDougall, and my dad, William Steele, was born in 1903. My dad married my mother, Maria McLean. She was the daughter of Therese Ashton. There were five [eight] of us kids born and my brother, James, died when he was a baby....

Ned Louis: Jimmy Steele lived at Duck Lake first. He married Elizabeth McDougall, the daughter of David and Theresa McDougall, there at Duck Lake. Then he moved to what we call Jimmy Steele Lake – a little lake up there on Goose Lake flat. He had a cabin up there and used to cut the meadow grass for feed for his cows. I don't know why he left there and came down to Deep Creek [BC]. Anyway, he bought that place and lived there for quite a while, then moved down to Whiteman's Creek. He died there.

Ada Froelich: Mom [Mary (Steele) Jones, daughter of Jimmy Steele and Elizabeth McDougall] told me that when she was little and lived at Duck Lake, her dad used to come down to Okanagan Landing to meet her. She would come up from Okanagan Centre or Kelowna by one of the lake boats and get off at the Landing. From there her dad would take her by horse and buggy up to Goose Lake range where he stayed. She said she would stay a while and her dad would take her back to the Landing to catch the boat home. I guess Gramma Elizabeth [Steele] stayed at Duck Lake and Grampa Jimmy [Steele] stayed up here at Vernon. Anyways, Mom said that her dad was putting up hay in the summer; it was really hot and felt like he was going to faint. So, he told his helper (Alec Antoine), a man from the Reserve, to go and get some water. When the man came back he saw Grampa passed out on the ground and threw the cold water in his face. Apparently what happened was the water sent him into shock and he died right there.

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Back row, left to right: Floyd Parsons, Millie Swanson (nee Vansickle), Joe Steele, possibly George Audley Vansickle (husband of Ethel Steele), Ethel Elizabeth Vansickle (nee Steele), Laura Steele (wife of Fred), Fred Steele (son of Thomas William Jones and Elizabeth Steele nee McDougall)

Front row, left to right: Mary Simpson (daughter of George and Clarine Simpson), Virginia Chartrand (nee McDougall), Oliver (Boss) McDougall

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

Wilson

Enoch Wilson is known to be buried in Duck Lake Cemetery. *[Miller, Alliss. List of names of those interred in the "Old Indian Cemetery" adjacent and to the west of Duck Lake Indian Reserve No. 7; May 27, 1992] [Miller, Alliss; Louis, Shirley. Hand-drawn map of Duck Lake Cemetery with names and burial locations; undated]*

Enoch Wilson was a sub-chief at Duck Lake Reserve where he farmed. He originally came from the Penticton Reserve and, in the winter, he returned to that reserve. He married Louise Couture, a widow, and adopted her daughter Terese (Christine). Terese Couture married David Joseph McDougall and was Shirley Louis' great grandmother. *[Shirley Louis, December 4, 2014]*

On pages 26 and 27 of "We Heard It in the Bushes", Shirley Louis recorded the following information about Enoch Wilson:

David [McDougall] married Terese Couture on January 27, 1873. Terese was the daughter of "Couture and an Indian woman, Louise." It is believed that Couture came from Quebec and then Montana. In 1913, the Royal Commission was inquiring about Indian lands and half breeds living on Reserves. At the time, David and Terese were living on the Duck Lake Indian Reserve at Winfield, and were one such couple who were being questioned as to their right to occupy reserve land. During the inquiry, Enoch, an Okanagan Indian, testified that he married the widowed Louise and adopted Terese and this gave her the right to the property at Duck Lake and Priest Valley Reserve [Vernon, BC].

A search of BC Vital Statistics and Canada Census records failed to provide additional information about Enoch Wilson.

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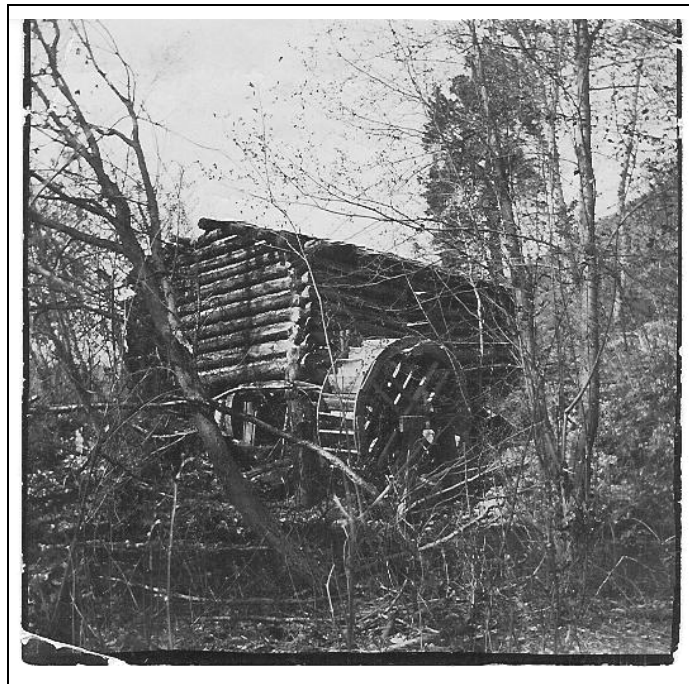
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Grist Mill, probably at the south end of Duck Lake on the property which George Simpson acquired in 1870 from the Brent family

This photograph was taken by Ellison District resident, Nellie Florence Whelan, c1903.
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